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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

HELD IN ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA,

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OF THE

CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

WHO COMPOSED THIS CONVENTION

1847.

CLERGY.

Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D.
Rev. *Joseph Adderly,
" *Wm. Adderly,
" *George Allen,
" T. G. Allen,
" Breed Batcheller,
" Frederick W. Beasley,
" William H. Bourns,
" Samuel Bowman, D. D.
" George Boyd, D. D.
" *Charles Breck,
" Samuel C. Brinckle,
" Edward Y. Buchanan,
" Levi Bull, D. D.
" William J. Clark,
" Robert B. Claxton,
" Jehu C. Clay, D. D.
" John B. Clemson,
" J. Howland Coit,
" John Coleman, D. D.
" Asa S. Colton,
" William C. Cooley,
Rev. Samuel Cowell,
" *Thomas Crumpton,
" Robert Davis,
" William N. Diehl,
" Benjamin Dorr, D. D.
" Jacob M. Douglass,
" George C. Drake,
" H. W. Ducachet, D. D.
" Geo. E. Durborow,
" Heman Dyer, D. D.
" George G. Field,
" C. A. Foster,
" J. A. Fowles,
" Richard D. Hall,
" Anson G. Hard,
" *N. S. Harris,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.
" Samuel Hazelhurst,
" Henry T. Hiester,
" William Hilton,
" John W. Hoffman,
" George P. Hopkins,

Rev. Marmaduke Hirst,
" Benjamin S. Huntington,
" *N. M. Jones,
" John J. Kerr,
" George Kirke,
" Freeman Lane,
" Edmund Leaf,
" John Long,
" Milton C. Lightner,
" Samuel T. Lord,
" *John H. Marsden,
" John Gordon Maxwell,
" Edwin Mendenhall,
" Tobias H. Michell, M. D.
" George Mintzer,
" Richard U. Morgan, D.D.
" Henry J. Morton, D.D.
" J. P. Nash,
" George W. Natt,
" Edmund Neville,
" Richard Newton,
" *William H. Norris,
" William H. Odenheimer,
" Frederick Ogilby,
" William S. Perkins,
Rev. William Preston,
" Azariah Prior,
" Thomas H. Quinan,
" *John Reynolds,
" Greenbury W. Ridgely,
" John Rodney,
" Joshua M. Rogers,
" Peter Russell,
" Owen Evans Shannon,
" George Sheets,
" Richard Smith,
" Nathan Stem,
" K. J. Stewart,
" William Suddards,
" Henry Tullidge,
" George Upfold, D. D.
" Peter Van Pelt,
" John A. Vaughan, D.D.
" William White,
" *Bird Wilson, D.D.
" Christian Wiltberger,
" Enos Woodward,
" W. H. Woodward,
" Thomas C. Yarnall.

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LAY DEPUTIES.

Lewis R. Ashhurst,
T. Allibone,
J. M. Allen,
J. P. Aertsen,
*Wm. G. Allen,
*Jno. L. Atlee,
*Joseph Buffington,
*J. J. Blakslee,
*L. Blakslee,
H. W. Brinton,
F. R. Backus,
*J. R. Beuhler,
J. Burnside,
*Lewis Brinton,

Geo. Blight,
*H. L. Bollman,
*Daniel J. Bruner,
Clement Brooke,
Thos. K. Bull,
Peter Baldy,
*Jesse Brooke,
*Benj. Brooke,
*J. B. Burrowes,
*J. Boyd Baker,
C. N. Bancker,
*Jos. Benjamin,
*Garrett Brown,
*P. V. Bayley,
W. D. Brown,
*A. E. Brown,
George Breck,
J. S. Carpenter,
*P. Crosby,
Herman Cope,
Jno. W. Claghorn,
Chas. H. Clay,
*Harry Conrad,
Wm. P. Cresson,
Wm. Casselberry,
*J. H. Dunning,
*I. Davis,
W. W. Duffield,
Wm. Darlington,
J. P. Donaldson,
J. B. Douglass,
Saml. N. Davies,
Edward Davies,
R. Dunglison,
L. Duy,
S. M. Davis,
Isaac Eckert,
*Edward Ellis,
*G. A. Elliott,
*Edward Evans,
*H. S. Freidlein,
H. G. Freeman,
*R. Foard,
Geo. Fox,
*J. C. Gunn,
J. L. Goddard,
Edward J. Glen,
Enoch Gray,
J. F. Griffith,
J. D. George,
Chas. F. Gebler,
E. Green,
T. G. Henderson,
*A. S. Henderson,
*W. Henderson,
*E. W. Hamlin,
J. S. Haverstick,
W. S. Hill,
R. R. Hodges,
*J. Hodgson,
Francis Hoskins,
Robert E. Hobart,
Henry Hay,
Geo. Helmuth,
*Thos. M. Howe,
*Geo. Hogg,
Jno. Holmes,
Edw. Helfinstein,
A. L. Hayes,
J. Y. Humphreys,
G. W. Harrison,
G. Harrison.
J. R. Ingersoll,
*J. Jones,
J. G. Johnson,
Thos. B. Jacobs,

Phineas Jenks,
*Benj. F. Johnson,
E. D. Kittoe,
J. Kearney,
*J. C. Kempton,
W. H. Klapp,
J. W. Kester,
*Luther Kidder,
Wm. Kirkham,
*W. C. Kelso,
*W. Lilly,
D. D. Lewis,
J. S. Littell,
R. P. Lardner,
J. Leonard,
*Mord. D. Lewis,
Ellis Lewis,
Joel Lightner,
L. S. Lardner,
C. Morris,
W. Musgrave,
W. Martin,
E. W. Mumford,
James Moore,
W. M. Meredith,
*Erasmus Mourton,
*Major McVeigh,
*W. R. McLaury,
T. McSorley,
*R. McCall,
T. H. McAllister,
B. F. McDonald,
M. McPaul,
Jno. McKay,
J. S. Newbold,
Isaac Norton,
Wm. B. Norris,
R. C. Nagel,

Daniel Pyle,
*Asa Packer,
J. Peacock,
J. N. Purviance,
E. O. Parry,
*W. B. Potts,
C. Pearce,
F. W. Porter,
Jno. Paul,
*Jos. Palmer,
*Geo. W. Pearce,
Thos. H. Powers,
Jos. Potts.
David Plank,
Jno. B. Parker,
Jos. Potts, Jr.
Henry Pettibone,
*F. W. Robb,
R. Ralston,
*R. Rutter,
Jno. P. Rutter,
Jos. Ripka, Jr.
Dr. Jno. Rosencrantz,
*Abel Reed,
Henry Reed,
C. S. Rutter,
*M. S. Richards,
*Jno. S. Richards,
*Elisha Reynolds,
*J. Stuart Riddle,
T. B. Robeson,
Thos. Robins,
W. H. Sayre,
C. M. Stokes,
*W. H. Stokes,
Aubrey H. Smith,
G. M. Stroud,
J. S. Smith,

James Stewart,
W. B. R. Selby,
Geo. Stewart,
Levi B. Smith,
Samuel Shaffer,
H. M. Sheaff,
Samuel Shannon,
C. Stevenson,
Wm. Stavely,
Samuel Swift,
John Squires,
John Swift,
A. Thomas,
J. Tucker,
R. Toland,
C. Tolbert,
Geo. G. Thomas,
*Thos. Thompson,
B. B. Vincent,
T. C. Williams,
G. M. Wharton,
Thos. Wood,
Wm. Welsh,
Edmund Wilcox,
*Geo. G. Wagner,
Samuel Wagner,
J. R. Wilmer,
P. Williamson,
Geo. R. White,
Wm. M. Watts,
H. B. Wright,
*A. C. Wilson,
Wm. Wills,
Francis West,
Horace E. Wolf,
J. Yocum.

Peter Yocum, 203

NOTE.—Those whose names are marked thus * were not present at the Convention.

ROLL OF LAY DEPUTIES,

FROM THE SEVERAL CHURCHES OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Allegheny County. Trinity church, City of Pittsburg George R. White, Thomas M. Howe.

St. Andrew's church, City of Pittsburg. H. L. Bollman, George Hogg, John Holmes.

Armstrong County. St. Paul's church, Kittaning. Joseph Buffington.

Berks County. St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin. Daniel Pyle.

Christ church, Reading. Matthias S. Richards, Isaac Eckert, John S. Richards.

St. Thomas' church, Morgantown. David Plank, Levi B. Smith, Dr. Daniel J. Bruner.

Bucks County. St. James the Greater's church. George Breck.

St. Luke's church, Newtown. Dr. Phineas Jenks, R. C. Nagel, Garrett Brown.

St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville. John Squires, Peter V. Bayley, Wm. D. Brown.

Grace church, Hulmeville. Samuel Swift, George Harrison.

Trinity church, Centreville. Wm. Stavely.

Carbon County. St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk. Wm. H. Sayre, Asa Packer, William Lilly.

Centre County. St. John's church, Bellefonte. James Burnside.

Chester County. St. John's church, New London township. Joseph Hodgson, Benj. F. McDonald, Robert Foard.

St. Mary's church, Warwick township. Samuel Shaffer, Clement Brooke, Thos. K. Bull.

St. Peter's church, Great Valley. Cromwell Pearce, John Tucker.

St. John's church, Pequea. Thos. G. Henderson, William Henderson, Amos S. Henderson.

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township. Jonathan Jones, Azariah Thomas.

St. Andrew's church, West Vincent. Isaac Davis, John Paul.

St. Mark's church, Honeybrook. Caleb Tolbert, John Yocum.

Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester. Dr. William Darlington, Lewis Brinton, George W. Pearce.

Columbia County. Christ church, Danville. Peter Baldy, Elisha Reynolds.

Crawford County. Christ church, Meadville. Dr. Edw. Ellis, Col. J. Stuart Riddle.

Cumberland County. St. John's church, Carlisle. John B. Parker, Wm. M. Watts, Edward Helfenstein.

Dauphin County. St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg. Jas. Peacock, Jno. H. Berryhill, Gen. Jno. M. Purviance.

Delaware County. St. Paul's church, Chester. Peirce Crosby, J. G. Johnson, J. M. Allen.

St. Martin's church, L. Chichester township, Marcus Hook. Benj. F. Johnson, Enoch Gray, Erasmus Mourton.

St. John's church, Concord township. Henry W. Brinton, Robert McCall.

St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor. Isaac Norton, Jesse Brooke, Benj. Brooke.

Calvary church, Rockdale. George Stewart, John F. Griffith.

Erie County. St. Paul's church, Erie. Bethuel B. Vincent, Wm. C. Kelso, George A. Elliott.

Lancaster County. St. James' church, Lancaster. Hon. A. L. Hayes, Hon. Ellis Lewis, Dr. Jno. L. Atlee.

Christ church, Leacock. Joel Lightner, Richard Rutter, Thomas McSorley.

Bangor church, Caernarvon township, Churchtown. Edw. Davies, Joseph Potts, Jr. Thomas B. Jacobs.

All Saints' Church, Paradise. Isaac B. Burrowes, J. Boyd Baker.

Luzerne County. St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre. Luther Kidder, H. B. Wright, Henry Pettibone.

Trinity church, Carbondale. Jos. Benjamin.

Lycoming County. St. James' church, Muncy. Thomas Wood, Edward D. Kittoe, Fleming W. Robb.

Mifflin County. St. Mark's church, Lewistown. William B. Norris, Alexander C. Wilson.

Montgomery County. St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh township. H. M. Sheaff, Fred. B. Robeson.

St. James church, Perkiomen township. Wm. Caselberry, Edward Evans.

St. John's church, Norristown. Samuel Shannon, John McKay, William Wills.

Christ church, Pottstown. Robert E. Hobart, Jno. P. Rutter, Chas. H. Clay.

Northampton County. Trinity church, Easton. Alexander E. Brown, John Swift, Horace E. Wolf.

Philadelphia County. Christ church, Philadelphia. James Y. Humphreys, Francis West, M. D., Wm. M. Meredith.

St. Peter's church, Philadelphia. James S. Smith, Jos. R. Ingersoll, Henry Reed.

St. James' church, Philadelphia. G. M. Wharton, Robert Ralston, Robert Toland.

St. Paul's church, Philadelphia. Samuel N. Davies, Jno. D. George, Joseph Potts.

St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia. Charles N. Bancker, Robley Dunglison, M. D., William Kirkham.

St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia. Cornelius Stevenson, Thomas Robins, Lambert Duy.

Grace church, Philadelphia. Herman Cope, Jno. W. Claghorn, Francis Hoskins.

Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia. James S. Newbold, Jno. P. Aertsen, William Martin.

St. Luke's church, Philadelphia. William Welsh, Edmund Wilcox, Mordecai D. Lewis.

Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia. Lewis R. Ashurst, Caspar Morris, Fred. W. Porter.

St. John's church, Northern Liberties. J. W. Kester, Charles F. Gebler, Henry Hay.

Advent church, Northern Liberties. Abel Reed, J. S. Haverstick, Frederick R. Backus.

All Saints' church, Moyamensing. James Moore, Wm. G. Allen, Geo. Helmuth.

Church of the Evangelists, Southwark. Robert R. Hodges, Henry S. Friedlein, James R. Buehler.

Trinity church, Southwark. Peter Williamson, C. S. Rutter, William H. Klapp.

Gloria Dei church, Southwark. James Stewart, Peter Yocum, W. B. R. Selby.

St. Philip's church, Spring Garden. Thomas H. Powers, Harry Conrad, William P. Cresson.

Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden. J. L. Goddard, S. M. Davis, Thos. Thompson.

Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden. Jas. Leonard, James Kearney, Thomas H. McAllister.

St. James' church, Kingsessing. Joseph Palmer, George G. Thomas, Aubrey H. Smith.

St. Matthew's church, Francisville. George M. Stroud, Benj. J. Douglass.

St. James the Less' church, North Penn Township. Geo. Blight, Jno. R. Wilmer, James C. Kempton.

All Saints' church, Lower Dublin Township. Charles W. Harrison, Laurence S. Lardner.

Emanuel church, Holmesburg. Edward J. Glen, George Fox, George G. Wagner.

Trinity church, Oxford Township. Edmund Green.

St. Mark's church, Frankford. Wm. H. Duffield, Richard P. Lardner.

St. Luke's church, Germantown. John S. Littell, Charles M. Stokes, Wm. H. Stokes.

Emanuel church, Kensington. Jacob P. Donaldson, Mathew McPaul, Edw. W. Mumford.

St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia. Thomas Allibone, Wm. Musgrave, H. G. Freeman.

St. David's church, Manayunk. Joseph Ripka, Jr., Samuel Wagner, Dr. Rosencratz.

Schuylkill County. Trinity church, Pottsville. Edward Owen Parry, Thomas C. Williams, James S. Carpenter.

St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven. William S. Hill, William B. Potts, David D. Lewis.

Wayne County. Grace church, Honesdale, Dyberry Parish. J. H. Dunning, E. W. Hamlin, J. C. Gunn.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.
Tuesday, May 18th, A. D. 1847, 5 o'clock, P. M.

This being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese, with several clergymen and Lay Deputies, attended at St. Andrew's Church.

The chair being taken by the Bishop, the Convention proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names, viz:

Rev. J. G. Allen,
" W. H. Bourns,
" Samuel Bowman,
" Geo. Boyd,
" Samuel C. Brinckle,
" E. Y. Buchanan,
" Levi Bull,
" Wm. J. Clark,
" Robt. B. Claxton,
" J. C. Clay,
" J. B. Clemson,
" John Coleman,
" A. S. Colton,
" Wm. C. Cooley,
" Samuel Cowell,
" Robt. Davis,
" Benj. Dorr,
" Geo. C. Drake,
" H. W. Ducachet,
" Geo. C. Durborow,
Rev. Heman Dyer,
" Geo. G. Field,
" C. A. Foster,
" J. H. Fowles,
" Richard D. Hall,
" G. Emlen Hare,
" Samuel Hazlehurst,
" Jno. W. Hoffman,
" Geo. P. Hopkins,
" M. Hirst,
" Geo. Kirke,
" Edmund Leaf,
" Samuel T. Lord,
" Tobias H. Michell,
" Geo. Mintzer,
" R. U. Morgan,
" H. J. Morton,
" J. P. Nash,
" G. W. Natt,
" E. Neville,

Rev. R. Newton,
" W. H. Odenheimer,
" F. Ogilby,
" Wm. L. Perkins,
" Wm. Preston,
" G. W. Ridgely,
" Jno. Rodney,
" J. M. Rogers,
" Peter Russell,
Rev. O. E. Shannon,
" Richard Smith,
" Nathan Stem,
" K. J. Stewart,
" Wm. Suddards,
" Henry Tullidge,
" P. Van Pelt,
" Thos. C. Yarnall,

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, which being in the form prescribed by the Canon, their names were recorded, and being called, they answered to their names and took their seats, viz:

L. R. Ashurst,
T. Allibone,
J. P. Aertsen,
H. W. Brinton,
James Burnside,
F. R. Backus,
G. Blight,
P. Baldy,
C. N. Bancker,
J. S. Carpenter,
H. Cope,
J. W. Claghorn,
C. H. Clay,
W. P. Cresson,
W. H. Duffield,
W. Darlington,
B. J. Douglass,
S. N. Davies,
E. Davies,
R. Dunglison,
L. Duy,
S. M. Davis,
J. L. Goddard,
J. F. Griffith,
J. D. George,
C. F. Gebler,
J. S. Haverstick,
W. S. Hill,
R. R. Hodges,
F. Hoskins,
R. E. Hobart,
H. Hay,
G. Helmuth,
J. Holmes,
E. Helfenstein,
A. L. Hayes,
J. Y. Humphreys,
T. B. Jacobs,
J. Kearney,
W. H. Klapp,
W. Kirkham,
D. D. Lewis,
J. Leonard.
R. P. Lardner,
E. Lewis,
J. Lightner,
W. Musgrave,
E. W. Mumford,
W. M. Meredith,
B. F. McDonald,

M. McPaul,
I. Norton,
W. B. Norris,
J. N. Purviance,
E. O. Parry,
F. W. Porter,
T. H. Powers,
J. Potts,
J. B. Parker,
J. Potts, Jr.,
R. Ralston,
J. Ripka, Jr.,
J. Rosencrantz,
H. Reed,
C. S. Rutter,
T. Robins,
W. H. Sayre,
A. H. Smith,
L. B. Smith,
G. M. Stroud,
J. Stewart,
W. B. R. Selby,
G. Stewart,
S. Shafer,
H. M. Sheaff,
S. Shannon,
C. Stevenson,
R. Toland,
C. Tolbert,
G. M. Wharton,
Wm. Welsh,
E. Wilcox,
J. R. Wilmer,
P. Williamson,
G. R. White,
W. M. Watts,
H. B. Wright,
F. West,
J. Yocum,
P. Yocum.

The Convention then, on motion, proceeded to choose a Secretary and Assistant Secretary. Geo. M. Wharton, a Lay Deputy from St. James' Church, Phila., was nominated for the office of Secretary; and the Rev. Wm. H. Odenheimer was nominated for the office of Assistant Secretary. There being no other nominations, the balloting was, according to rule, dispensed with; and the persons named were duly elected viva voce, to the offices of Secretary and Assistant Secretary respectively.

It was then Resolved, that the house shall hold two sessions every day, viz: from 9 o'clock A. M. to 2 o'clock P. M., and from 5 o'clock P. M. to 7 o'clock P. M., provided that it shall not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock.

It was also Resolved, that Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church belonging to this Diocese, and not entitled to seats in this Convention, and Clergymen not belonging to this Diocese, and Clergymen of the Church of England or of her Colonies, and Students of Divinity of the Episcopal Church, now in the City of Philadelphia, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

The Secretary then read the Rules of Order from the Revised Regulations as follows :

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer, prescribed by the Bishop.

2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.

3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.

4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.

5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.

6. A question being once determined shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.

7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.

8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded and reduced to writing when required.

10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before anything new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.

11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.

12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

On motion of the Secretary, a Committee of three was appointed, to whom the testimonials of lay deputies were

referred. Messrs. Meredith, Ellis Lewis and Herman Cope, were nominated by the chair.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Newton, a Committee of three was appointed, to consider and report upon the claim of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass to a seat in the Convention, whereupon, the Rev. Drs. Bull and Ducachet and the Rev. Mr. Clemson were appointed.

The Convention then adjourned until 10 o'clock on Wednesday morning, to attend Divine Service.

G. M. Wharton, Secretary.

Philadelphia, St. Andrew's Church.
Wednesday, May 19th, A. D. 1847, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met and attended divine service. Morning prayers were read by the Rev. Wm. M. Carmichael, D. D., assisted by the Rev. C. D. Cooper, who read the lessons. The Ante-communion was read by the Right Rev. the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Boyd, who read the Epistle and Gospel. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Stem, after which the Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Messrs. Carmichael, Boyd and Cooper.

The Convention was called to order after service. The Roll was then called, and the minutes of yesterday P. M. read and approved.

The following Clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats, viz: The Rev. Messrs. Batcheller, Beasley, Coit, Diehl, Hard, Hiester, Hilton, Huntington, Kerr, Lane, Long, Lightner, Mendenhall, Prior, Sheets, Upfold, Vaughan, White, Wiltberger, and W. H. Woodward.

And the following Lay Deputies, viz: Messrs. J. Nagel, W. D. Brown, Squires, Samuel Swift, G. Harrison, T. G. Henderson, Vincent, L. S. Lardner, and Green, not present yesterday, and entitled to seats, appeared, having presented their proper certificates and took their seats.

The Committee on the testimonials of Lay Deputies presented the following Report:

The Committee to which were referred the testimonials of the lay delegates, Report:

That they have examined the testimonials referred to them, and find them to be in due form and properly authenticated.

The Committee observe that Joel Lightner, Esq., is returned as a Lay Delegate from two Parishes, viz: All Saints, Paradise, and Christ Church, Leacock. The Committee perceive no provision in the Constitution, Canons, or regulations of the Church, prohibiting the same member from sitting for any number of parishes.

W. M. MEREDITH,
For the Committee, May 18th, 1847.

And Mr. Meredith thereupon offered the following resolution:

Whereas, it appears that Joel Lightner, Esq., has been returned as a Lay Delegate from two churches, viz: All Saints, Paradise, and Christ Church, Leacock. *Resolved*, That Mr. Lightner elect for which church he will sit—which resolution, after some discussion, was adopted. Whereupon Mr. Lightner elected to represent All Saints Church, Paradise.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, it was Resolved, that the election of officers be made the order of the day for this afternoon, immediately after the delivery of the Episcopal Address.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Dorr, a Committee on Charters was appointed; the chair nominated Rev. Dr. Upfold, Rev. Messrs. Neville and Claxton, and Messrs. Stroud and H. Reed.

The Charters of the Churches of the Atonement, Philadelphia, and of the Messiah, Port Richmond, were laid on the table, as having been submitted to and approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee, and were referred to the Committee on Charters.

The Rev. Dr. Bull, from the Special Committee to whom was referred the claim of the Rev. Mr. Douglass to a seat, presented the following Report:

The Committee appointed to inquire into the right of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass to a seat in this Convention, present their report:

That the said Rev. J. M. Douglass resigned his parochial charge, on account of ill health; and that agreeably to the last provision in the fourth article of the constitution, which asserts that no clergyman of advanced years or infirm health who has been once entitled to a seat in this Convention, shall lose his

seat therein, by reason of his having ceased to have charge of a parish, or to be in the service of a seminary of learning, or to be a missionary as aforesaid. He therefore hath been and is, according to constitution, of right entitled to a seat in this Convention.

Therefore resolved, that the said Rev. Jacob M. Douglass be permitted to take his seat in this Convention.

LEVI BULL,
JOHN B. CLEMSON.

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet, from the minority of the same Committee, on leave, presented a counter Report, as follows:

The undersigned, one of the Committee appointed yesterday to consider and report upon the resolution offered by the Rev. Richard Newton, respecting the title of the *Reverend Jacob M. Douglass* to a seat in this Convention, begs leave to present the following as his report.

The FACTS of the case, it is agreed, are as follows: The Rev. Mr. Douglass had, for some years, been the Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville; and in virtue of his office, had held a seat in the Convention. In the year 1844, he was visited with an affliction which led to his resignation of that charge. At the Convention of 1845, the question of Mr. Douglass's right to a seat, was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Thos. M. Clark, Morgan, and Spear. That Committee reported, that the circumstances of his case were not, in their opinion, such as to entitle him to a seat in the Convention; and their report was unanimously acquiesced in by the members of that body. A claim is now made for a seat for him, on the ground that he resigned his cure in consequence of ill health, and that the constitution provides that ill health shall not disfranchise any clergyman who has once been entitled to a seat, but who has, on that account, ceased to have charge of a parish. It is alleged, that he was, in 1845, unjustly deprived of his rights as a member of the house; and that to give to him the right to a seat here, would be only an act of tardy but obvious justice. Such are the facts, and the reasoning, upon which the claim is urged.

Now, let us look at the LAW. The article of the Constitution

which defines the qualifications for membership in the Convention of this Diocese, (Art. IV. p. 10,) after stating who may be members, makes this *proviso*, viz: "that no clergyman of advanced years or infirm health who has once been entitled to a seat in Convention, shall lose his right to a seat therein, by reason of his having ceased to have charge of a parish, &c." Now, it is manifest from this clause of the constitution, that a clergyman who, once having a seat, is incapacitated by sickness for the discharge of parochial duty, and by reason of such infirmity is induced to resign his cure, is entitled to hold his seat *so long as such infirmity may continue.* He has been afflicted; and the church takes no privileges from him in consequence of the calamity with which it may have pleased God to visit him. But, it is equally clear, that, as soon as his health is restored, his right to a seat ceases. He held the seat by virtue *only* of the infirmity under which he was labouring; that right ceases, of course, when that infirmity no longer exists. If he is no longer in infirm health, the question comes, why is he not employed in the duties of a parish? and if he is not, why should he have any rights which are not granted to other non-parochial clergymen? If, after giving up his parish in consequence of ill health, he should recover in a year or two, and continue in good health, enjoying perhaps even a robust and vigorous condition of body, for 10, 15, or 20 years, can any one suppose that the constitution meant that, during all that long period, he should continue to hold his seat?

Now, it is not alleged that the Rev. Mr. Douglass is, *at the present time*, labouring under the affliction which led to his resignation in the year 1844. On the contrary, it is expressly admitted that he is entirely restored, and is now as well as he ever was in his life. If so, (and there is no doubt of his entire recovery,) it does not appear to the undersigned that, being yet without parochial employment, he can claim the benefit which the constitution obviously designed to reserve to the *aged and infirm only.* To entitle him to a seat here, at this time, he must be actually in "infirm health," which it is not pretended he is. Such is the letter of the law.

It may be said, that the Committee who reported upon his case in 1845, did not do him justice in reporting that he had no

claim to a seat; and that the Convention was led into a wrong by their error of judgment. Be it recollected, first, that at that time, Mr. Douglass had himself made no application for admission; 2dly, that he was not then in a state that would have allowed of his attending the sessions of the Convention, even had he been admitted; 3dly, that the peculiar form of his disease would have unfitted him for taking any part in the duties of the house; and 4thly, that it may admit of question, whether the peculiar form of malady under which that estimable brother was suffering, can properly be called "infirm health," in the true intent and meaning of the constitution.

But, even if it be granted and clear that he was unjustly deprived of his seat in 1845, (though he had never claimed it, or asked for it, and was never present in the house, and could not be,) it is to be borne in mind, that the question to be inquired into and settled, is not what were his rights in the year 1845, but what are his rights *now; is he entitled to a seat in the present Convention?* If the Convention of 1845 committed an error in acquiescing in the report of the Committee which declared he had no seat in that body, it is not for us (a different body) to rectify the error. The time is past for that. We are to determine this, and this only; is the Reverend gentleman properly and constitutionally a member of the Convention *now* assembled. Taking into view the undisputed facts which have been presented in this document, and the law of the church as declared in the IVth article of the constitution;—the undersigned is brought to the conclusion, (most reluctantly indeed,) that Mr. Douglass is not a member of this house, and has no just claim to a seat here. Most gladly would he have come to a different conclusion, could he have done so honestly, and without doing violence to the supreme law of the constitution. As the facts and the law stand, he is compelled to dissent from the opinion of the majority of the Committee; and in presenting this, a minority report, to offer to the Convention the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, that the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass is not entitled to a seat in this Convention, as a member thereof.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

H. W. Ducachet.

On motion, the above Reports and accompanying Resolution were laid on the table.

The Minutes of the Standing Committee were placed upon the Secretary's table, by the Rev. Dr. Dorr, the President of the Committee.

The Convention then adjourned.

G. M. Wharton, Secretary.

5 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention reassembled, the calling of the roll was dispensed with, and the minutes of the morning session read and approved.

The following Lay Deputies, not before in attendance, presented their certificates, answered to their names, and took their seats, viz: Messrs. Thos. K. Bull, W. Stavely, E. Gray, Jno. Swift, W. Casselberry, J. L. Atlee, T. McSorley, Jno. Paul, H. E. Wolf, and Geo. Breck.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Bull, the Convention took up for consideration the Reports of the Committee, on the claim of the Rev. Mr. Douglass to a seat. The Resolution attached to the report of the majority of the Committee was adopted, and the Rev. Mr. Douglass being thereupon called, answered to his name and took his seat.

The Rev. Dr. Dorr, as President of the Standing Committee, laid upon the table, as approved by that Committee and the Bishop, the articles of Association of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, and the Charter of Christ Church, Williamsport, which were referred to the Committee on Charters. The Rev. Dr. Dorr also submitted the Annual Reports of the Treasurers of the Episcopal and Convention Funds.

The Bishop then delivered his Annual Address as follows:

ADDRESS.

My Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

I proceed to lay before you my *second* Report or Address, in which the Canons require me to state the official acts which I have performed, and the changes which have taken place within the Diocese, since the last meeting of the Convention, and also

to present for your consideration, such matters as may tend to throw light on the state and prospects of this part of the Church of Christ.

I cannot enter on this duty without acknowledging with fervent gratitude the manifold favours which a kind Providence has vouchsafed since we last met, as well to the Diocese as to him, who has been charged with its oversight. This year has not been marked by any signal or extraordinary advance in the cause of truth and piety among us; but it has been distinguished by an evident though gradual improvement in many of our congregations, by the addition of several active members to the ranks of our labouring clergy, by the formation of several new and promising parishes, and by a measure of Providential blessing to the people of our charge, almost without a parallel in the history of the past. It has been the grateful lot of the Bishop of the Diocese to live in harmony with his brethren of the clergy and laity, to enjoy their prompt and generous assistance, and to receive wherever he has gone hospitality and kindness which have made an indelible impression on his memory. It has been his grateful privilege, also, to witness among all a growing disposition to co-operate in good works, and while each remains loyal to his own opinions on the questions that divide us, not to allow such differences to interfere with the charities of life. For all this, he desires to return devout thanks to the Giver of all good, and he earnestly prays that the remembrance of blessings received may incite both pastors and people to renewed diligence and devotion in that holy service which is identified alike with our private happiness and our public welfare.

I. On the Sunday next following the last Convention, I preached in the morning in St. James' Church, in this city, and confirmed *fifteen* persons. In the afternoon of the same day I preached before the congregation of St. James the Less, a parish which had been organized a short time previous at Schuylkill Falls, in the neighbourhood of this city, and which is now actively engaged in erecting a house of worship. On the following day I officiated at the funeral of an infant child of the Rector of St. Andrew's Church, in this city, and on Friday of the same week, at Christ Church, in this city, I read Morning Prayers and baptized an infant son of the Rector. The next Sunday was passed, at his request,

with Bishop Lee, in Wilmington, Delaware, where I preached twice, addressed the children of the Sunday School of St. Andrew's Church on the occasion of its anniversary, and baptized the infant daughter of the Bishop.

On Trinity Sunday, (the 7th of June,) I officiated in the morning by preaching and reading prayers in St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia, and in the evening by preaching at the Mission, which has been established among the coloured poor of Moyamensing. This enterprise, undertaken by two or three devoted laymen, and cordially sustained for several months by the voluntary services of the city Clergy, deserves much of our aid and sympathy. It operates among the most wretched and neglected of a race to whom we have done great wrong, and to whom we owe a vast debt not only of charity but of remunerative justice. It has enjoyed thus far the evident favour of Heaven. A Sunday School composed of adults as well as children has been established and conducted with untiring zeal. Many families have been visited, and by a judicious combination of temporal relief and spiritual instruction, their condition and character have been materially improved. The field is continually opening before the efforts of those who labour in it, and it is much to be desired that it may be permanently and effectively occupied. The Rev. E. C. Jones has been charged with the care of this Mission for the last four months, and a parish has been organized by the name of "the Church of the Crucifixion." I fondly trust that many of the Laity may be induced to contribute their substance or their service to this work of self-denying love, and that those who do so may be endowed with a single desire to honour God, and to tread in the footsteps of Him whose meat and drink it was to do his Father's will.

On the following Sunday, (being the first after Trinity,) I read service and preached in the morning at Doylestown, where a parish had been recently organized by the Missionary labours of the Rev. Mr. Hopkins. In the afternoon of the same day, I preached at Trinity Church, Centreville, and in the evening again at Doylestown. The following Sunday was passed at Newark, New Jersey, as I was on my way to New York to attend the annual Meetings of the Board of Missions and of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

On the 28th of June, (being the 3d Sunday after Trinity,) in St. Philip's Church in this city, I admitted to Deacon's orders, *five* condidates, viz., Joseph Hicks Smith, David H. Macurdy, Benjamin Wistar Morris, Henry T. Spackman, and Henry Eglinton Montgomery. All these gentlemen are now actively and usefully at work in the Diocese;—Mr. Smith in connection with the Calvary Church Mission in the Northern Liberties, Mr. Macurdy as Rector of the new parish at Schuylkill Falls, Mr. Morris as Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, Mr. Spackman as Rector of the new parish at Frankford, and Mr. Montgomery as Rector of All Saints, Moyamensing.

From this time I was disabled by sickness from performing any public duty for the space of three weeks. On the 19th of July, being the 6th Sunday after Trinity, I admitted two more candidates for orders, Abel Augustus Marple and Barclay A. Smith, to the Diaconate at Grace Church in this city; the former of whom, after labouring efficiently for some time as a Missionary at Athens, Bradford Co., is now Rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, having been succeeded at Athens by Mr. Smith, whose efforts seem to have been crowned thus far with much success.

At the same time and place in which this ordination was held, and in the presence of the Rev. Doctors Ducachet and Vaughan, I displaced from the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, the Rev. Henry Major.

On the next day, July 20th, at the request of an association of Ladies, (principally of Christ Church in this city,) who are engaged with the most indefatigable zeal in procuring funds to erect a Church in Memory of the late Bishop White, to be placed in the Northern Liberties, for the accommodation of the destitute in that vicinity, I appointed the Rev. Joseph Hicks Smith, Deacon, Missionary to labour in connection with the undertaking, and to derive his support from its friends. Public service was soon after commenced in a sail-loft, and has been regularly continued to this time, having been recently transferred to a large and commodious hall. I took occasion in my last Address to commend this undertaking to the favour of the Diocese. Further acquaintance with the district in which the Missionary labours and with the spirit in which his efforts

are prosecuted by himself and sustained by his associates, has redoubled my conviction that this enterprise was wisely concieved, and that it is likely to enjoy a large measure of the divine blessing. To those who have so generously laboured in its support, and to those who may contribute funds to its further advancement, it will be a most pleasing reflection hereafter, that in rearing an enduring monument to one whose praise is in all the churches, they have at the same time provided a sanctuary where many who are now as sheep without a shepherd, can be gathered and nurtured with that spiritual food which endureth unto life eternal.

Continued indisposition obliged me to rest a second time from public labour, and I was in consequence absent from the city and Diocese for nearly a month. Towards the close of August, I officiated once in St. Andrew's Church by preaching, once in like manner in St. James' Church, Kingsessing, and twice in St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook.

II. On the 1st Sunday in September, I commenced a series of regular services in the churches of the Diocese. On that day I officiated in the morning at the opening service of the Monumental Church, to be called Calvary Church, in the Northern Liberties. In the afternoon I officiated in the Church of the Ascension in this city, and in the evening in Advent Church, Northern Liberties.

On the following Wednesday I laid the corner-stone of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, and on the following Sunday at Christ Church Chapel, Petersburg, (Adams Co.) I held two services, reading prayers and preaching in the morning, and preaching and confirming in the afternoon.

On the 16th of September, in Christ Church, Brownsville, I administered Confirmation, addressing the congregation before, and the candidates after the imposition of hands. I also married the Rector of the parish. On the 17th, I preached in the morning in Grace Church, Manalen, and in the evening preached and held Confirmation in Christ Church, Uniontown. On the following day, (18th,) I preached and confirmed in the morning in Trinity Church, Connellsville, and read prayers and preached in the evening in Christ Church, Greensburg, a vacant congregation. On the 19th, I read prayers and preached in St. Peter's

Church, Blairsville, also vacant. Both of these parishes have been without a pastor for nearly two years.

The next five days were spent in Armstrong and Clarion counties. On the 15th Sunday after Trinity, I preached three times in Trinity Church, Freeport. On the afternoon of the next day, (Monday the 21st,) I delivered an address and laid in a beautiful position the corner-stone of a new edifice for St. Paul's Church, Kittanning. The former building, less eligibly situated, was destroyed by a tornado in the summer of 1845. In the evening of the same day, I preached in the Presbyterian Church of Kittanning, kindly loaned for the purpose. On Tuesday the 22d, I preached and administered confirmation in St. Michael's Parish, Wayne township, and on Wednesday I preached at the house of Mr. Robert Barr in Red Bank in the morning, and at the village of Clarion, Clarion Co., in the evening. The next day I visited Brady's Bend on the Alleghany, where a very large manufactory has been established, and where there are a few members of our Church. In a school-house at this place, I preached and baptized one infant. The next day I proceeded to Butler Co., and officiated twice at St. Peter's Church, in the village of Butler, besides holding a confirmation.

On the 16th Sunday after Trinity, (being the 27th of Sept.) I officiated in the morning at St. Peter's Church, Beaver, by preaching and administering confirmation, and in the afternoon at St. Paul's, by preaching. The next morning I crossed the Ohio river at Georgetown, and held a service in the Church at that place. The next day at Washington, 30 miles distant, where we have a small but zealous band of Episcopalians, struggling with honourable perseverance to secure the stated ministrations of the Church, I preached once; proceeding the next morning to Pittsburg, where I had requested my Rev. brethren, resident in Western Pennsylvania, to meet me in *Convocation.*

The Convocation was opened in the Vestry room of St. Andrew's Church, on the morning of the 1st day of October. After devotional services and conference respecting the affairs of that part of the Diocese, the Clergy adjourned to hold Divine service in St. Andrew's, when the Morning Service was read by the Rev. Dr. Carmichael and the Rev. Mr. Cowell, and a sermon on

the duties and responsibilities of the ministerial office, was preached by the Bishop. In the afternoon a second meeting of the Convocation was held, and a second public service for preaching and prayer in the same Church. In the evening, Divine service was held in Trinity Church, and a sermon on the claims of the Missionary work was delivered. On the following morning, after another meeting of the Convocation, the Rev. Mr. Flint, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie, was admitted in Trinity Church to the order of Priests, being presented by the Rev. Dr. Upfold, who, with the Rev. Messrs. Hilton, Crumpton and White, united in the imposition of hands.

In the afternoon of the same day, Divine service with a sermon was held in Christ Church, Allegheny, and in the evening again in Trinity Church, Pittsburg. On the following morning, at St. Paul's Church, Laceyville, I preached and held confirmation, and in the evening of the same day, at the request of the citizens of Pittsburg, I addressed them in the Hall of the University of Western Pennsylvania, an Institution of which the Rev. Dr. Dyer is President, the Rev. Dr. Upfold being President of the Board of Trustees. The subject of the Address was Popular Education as identified with the industrial, social, political and religious welfare of the city, a subject, to the vast importance of which the inhabitants of that most enterprising and interesting town seem to be growing more and more alive.

The next day being Sunday, I preached and held confirmations in *three* of the churches; in the morning in Christ Church, Allegheny; in the afternoon in St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg, and in the evening at Trinity Church

Thus was concluded a series of public services and of opportunities for private intercourse and consultation among the clergy of Western Pennsylvania, which was not, I trust, without benefit. Many of our clerical brethren, especially in that part of the Diocese, are much isolated by the remoteness of their cures from each other, and opportunities for free communion and conference, with mutual prayer for the Divine aid and guidance, can hardly fail to reanimate them in encountering the toils and sacrifices of their ministry, while it must supply them with hints in respect to their public and private labours, which may prove rich in blessing as well to themselves as to their respective flocks. Such meetings

among the clergy, too, if connected with frequent public service, with much private prayer, and with abstinence from unprofitable and irritating controversies, must conduce to strengthen the bonds of mutual affection and confidence, and to induce that spirit of general and cordial co-operation, so essential to the growth of our Church, and of true religion. They prove most profitable, it is believed, where they involve systematic efforts for the strengthening of weak parishes, for the formation of new ones in destitute places, and for providing occasional services for the scattered members of our fold. These were objects kept steadily in view in the Convocation at Pittsburg. While the importance of locating an additional number of missionaries in that part of the Diocese was distinctly recognized, and the great desirableness also of employing one or more *missionaries at large*, who could spend much of their time in travelling, the clergy present engaged for the time being, to supply the lack of their service, as far as possible, by voluntary exertions of their own. They divided the counties of Western Pennsylvania among them, and propose to hold services and visit families both where we have people so scattered that no regular parishes can be formed; and also at points where there is a prospect that churches can be planted soon, and with advantage to the Diocese at large. According to this arrangement, the Rev. Messrs. Michell, Carmichael and Flint, were to perform missionary duty in concert in the counties of Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango and Warren; Rev. Messrs. Hilton, White, and William Adderly in Beaver, Butler, Armstrong, Clarion and Indiana; Rev. Drs. Upfold and Dyer, and Rev. Messrs. Preston and Crumpton in Allegheny, Westmoreland and parts adjacent; and Rev. Messrs. Cowell, Jones and Stewart in Washington, Fayette and Greene. From three of these brethren I have already received interesting reports of visits made and services rendered in remote and destitute regions, which will be followed I trust by others in other parts of the same district.

The results of this visitation were as follows; one Ordination, one corner-stone laid, a Convocation of the Clergy of Western Pennsylvania, and Confirmations as follows: Christ Church Chapel, Petersburg, 2; Christ Church, Brownsville, 7; St. Peter's, Uniontown, 7; Trinity, Connellsville, 8; St. Michael's, Wayne

township, 15; St. Peter's, Butler, 9; St. Peter's, Beaver, 9; St. Paul's, Laceyville, 7; Christ Church, Allegheny, 12; St. Andrews, Pittsburg, 26; Trinity Church, Pittsburg, 35.

I cannot conclude the notice of this tour without expressing my thankful remembrance of the hospitality which, as in other parts of the Diocese, so here, I every where experienced, nor without recording my acknowledgments for the facilities which were supplied, for enabling me to reach my appointments in good season, and with all possible comfort. I was placed under special obligation in these respects by the courtesy of the Vestries of St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, and Trinity Church, Pittsburg, each of them having put a conveyance at my disposal for several days.

On returning to Philadelphia, I was occupied for some time, principally in performing the more private duties which pertain to my office, and which necessarily occupy a large portion of time, especially after an absence of several weeks. I also availed myself of the opportunity kindly afforded me at this time by the Rectors of the parishes in the vicinity to officiate by preaching and otherwise in their churches, by addressing the Sunday Schools, catechising the children, and rendering such other service as might be called for. These informal visits, made without previous notice, and not involving the performance of offices strictly Episcopal, I regard as useful alike to a Bishop and to the people of his charge. They afford occasion for intercourse with the laity, both more frequent and more unrestrained than can well be enjoyed at regular visitations; they exhibit the parishes in their ordinary working condition; and they afford to the Clergy and Bishop additional opportunities for conference, and for a fraternal interchange of their views and feelings.

In this way I officiated during the months of October and November, in St. David's Church, Manayunk, twice—in St. James the Less, Schuylkill Falls, once—in St. Peter's, Phœnixville, twice—in All Saints, Lower Dublin township, once—in Emanuel Church, Holmesburg, twice—in St. Mary's, West Philadelphia, which had just been enlarged and essentially improved, both within and without, once—in Grace Church, Philadelphia, twice—in a Hall in Port Richmond, opened for a new congregation, since organized by the name of the Church of the

Messiah, once—in Christ Church, Philadelphia, once—in the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, once—in St. Philip's Church, once—in St. James', once—in St. Andrew's once—in St. Lukes', once—in St. Peter's, once—in the Church of the Epiphany, once—in St. Paul's, once—and once in the Church of the Nativity.

During this period I also performed the following public acts which pertain more especially to the Episcopate. On Sunday, the 18th of October, in St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, I confirmed *four* persons. On Thursday, the 22d of October, I consecrated St. Mark's Church, Frankford, a chaste and commodious edifice erected for a new parish in that place, and already filled under the efficient ministrations of the Rev. Mr. Spackman. It deserves to be recorded as an honourable example and one which is likely to be followed throughout the Diocese, that the consecration of this Church was not requested until the Wardens and Vestry had provided for the liquidation of all pecuniary claims against it, so that it now stands, and I trust will forever stand, free of debt. The same office was performed, and under circumstances equally honourable to the parish, on Tuesday, the 24th of November, for Christ Church, Pottstown, where a very tasteful edifice has been erected by the untiring exertions of the Rector and his little flock. At the same time, and in the same parish, I confirmed five persons.

On the 21st Sunday after Trinity, being the 1st of Nov., in the Church of the Advent, in this city, I admitted Mr. H. Hastings Weld to Deacon's orders, and on the 23d Sunday after Trinity, in St. David's Church, Radnor, I admitted the Rector of that Church, the Rev. Breed Batcheller to the order of Priests. On the 11th of November, I administered confirmation in St. Luke's Church to a person who was about to proceed to South America, where he expects to reside several years.

On the 28th of October, I laid with suitable rites and an address, the corner-stone of the Church of St. James the Less, at Schuylkill Falls; and on the 22d of November, being the Sunday before Advent, I re-opened with an address and prayers, Trinity Church, Southwark, which had been enlarged and embellished materially, both without and within by the generous contributions of the parish. But for an unavoidable absence, I

should, two weeks later, have performed the same office at the Gloria Dei (Swedes' Church,) which has also been greatly improved during the last year in its interior, while its number of sittings has been increased more than one-third.

During the month of December, and the earlier part of the month of January, I was obliged to be absent from the Diocese in order to fulfil at Boston an engagement into which I entered some years since, and which I communicated to the gentlemen representing this Convention, at the time I accepted the place I now hold. I regretted this absence, as separating me from the more immediate discharge of my official duties, and I should have regretted it much more, had it not called me to plead before a numerous and enlightened audience, the interests of Revealed, in connection with those of Natural Religion, thus enabling me to consecrate the time which I was obliged to withdraw from your service to the advancement of the one cause in which we are all engaged. I ought to add that during my absence I was permitted by the courtesy of Bishop Eastburn and enjoying his presence and aid, to advance one of the Candidates for Orders of this Diocese to the Diaconate. Mr. Alex. G. Mercer was ordained Deacon in St. Paul's Church, Boston, on Sunday, the 13th of December. Having received a call to a parish in New York, he is about to remove to that Diocese.

III. On reaching home after the conclusion of my engagement at Boston, I commenced the fulfilment of appointments, which have occupied much of my time to this date. Confirmations with the results as noted, have been held in the following Churches:

All Saints', Moyamensing, 12; St. John's, Norristown, 3; Swedes' Church, Upper Merion, 1; St. Stephen's, Philadelphia, not a regular confirmation, 3; St. Luke's, Germantown, 14; St. Gabriel's, Morlattin, 20; Christ Church, Reading, 7; St. Thomas', Morgantown, 5; St. Mark's, Honeybrook, 2; St. Andrew's, West Vincent, 1; St. James', Downingtown, 4; All Saints, Paradise, 8; St. John's, Carlisle, 7; St. James', Lancaster, 11; St. John's, York, 5; Christ Church, Leacock, 11; St. John's, Pequea, 7; Ascension, Phila., 15; Gloria Dei, Southwark, 7; Calvary, N. L. 1; St. Thomas', Phila., 1; St. Philip's, 13; St. Andrew's, Phila., 13; St. Matthew's, Francisville, 3; St. Luke's, Phila., 18; Trinity, Oxford, 10;

St. Mark's, Frankford, 15; St. Peter's, Phila., 25; St. Mary's, West Phila., 10; Nativity, S. G., 12; St. John's, N. L., 6; Christ Church, Phila., 32; Grace Church, Phila., 16; Epiphany, Phila., 20; Trinity, Southwark, 16; St. Paul's, Phila., 20; St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, 1; St. Paul's Chester, 7; Calvary Church, Rockdale, 4; St. John's, Concord, 2; Holy Trinity, West Chester, 5; Christ Chapel, Oak Grove, 3; Grace Church, Hulmeville, 3; St. Andrew's, Yardleyville, 3; Trinity Church, Easton, 3; St. Paul's, Bloomsburg, 3; St. James', Muncy, 2; Christ Church, Williamsport, 4; St. Matthew's, Sunbury, 7; Christ Church, Danville, 14; St. Paul's, West Whiteland, 2; Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, 12; St. James the Less, Schuylkill Falls, 7; Emmanuel Church, Kensington, 8; St. Thomas', Whitemarsh, 11; St. David's, Manayunk, 19.

On the 15th of April, I also confirmed a sick woman in private, in the city of Philadelphia.

In each of the above Churches, I also preached and delivered one or more addresses at the time of holding confirmation. In several of them I preached twice, and in some of them three times.

I also preached during the same period, but when no Confirmation was held, in the Church of the Redemption, Fairmount; in the Church of the Evangelists, Southwark; in Christ Church, Pottstown; in Bangor Church, Churchtown; in St. Mary's, Warwick, Chester co.; in St. Stephen's, Harrisburg, twice; in St. Luke's, Philadelphia; in All Saints, Moyamensing; in the Church of the Advent, N. L.; in St. James the Greater Church, Bristol, Bucks co.; St. Luke's, Newtown, Bucks co.; in St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre; in Trinity Church, Orangeville, and Christ Church, Jerseytown, Columbia co.; in a newly organized parish in Northumberland; in St. Peter's, Great Valley; in Calvary (Monumental) Church, N. L., and at Conshohocken.

During my visitation of the Churches lying on the North and West Branches of the Susquehanna, which terminated on the 28th of April, I held a second Convocation at Williamsport, which was well attended and productive of much interest among the clergy and people. May it be followed by a corresponding blessing from on high! The clergy of that section of the Diocese have resolved to meet quarterly in the different parishes for the purpose of holding public services, and communing with

each other in private. At these meetings it is my purpose to be present as often as possible. It is their intention also to connect with these meetings a vigorous effort to enlist their respective congregations in the work of Missions, especially in their own vicinity. Nothing I believe is needed but earnest co-operation among the churches and clergy to render most of the parishes, now dependent on Missionary aid, self-supporting, and to build up new parishes where our services are much desired and would prove a great blessing. The clergy at this convocation were favoured with the presence and aid of the Rev. Mr. West, Agent of the Foreign Committee of the Board of Missions, who, besides pleading the cause of that Committee, furnished his brethren with the results of Convocational associations among the clergy of two of the New England Dioceses, which have been most gratifying as it respects the growth of the Church there in numbers, strength and piety. In addition to other advantages, which are likely to flow from these convocations properly conducted, will be the gradual preparation of the remoter parts of this state to be formed into one or more separate Dioceses. Such a result must be desired by every friend of true religion; but to render the measure a safe and beneficial one, the parishes within the territory proposed for a new Diocese should be able, not only to sustain themselves, but to bear the increased burden which will be occasioned by the support of the Episcopate and by Church extension within their own limits.

The *Ordinations* during the same period (Feb. to May 18th) were *eight*—four to the Diaconate, and four to the Priesthood. *To the Diaconate*, B. A. Starkey, ordained in the Church of the Ascension on Sunday the 21st of February; Samuel Durborow in St. Stephen's Church on Friday the 5th of March; Wm. L. Suddards and Samuel A. Clark in Grace Church, on Sunday the 14th of March.

To the Priesthood, Rev. H. E. Montgomery in All Saints' Church on Sunday, March 25th; Rev. Samuel J. Moorhouse in St. Peter's Church, on Easter Tuesday; Rev. A. Augustus Marple in St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, of which he is Rector, on Thursday, April 22d; Rev. B. Wistar Morris in St. Matthew's, Sunbury, on Tuesday, April 27th.

The *corner stones* of three Churches, each belonging to a new

parish, were also laid during this period, viz: that of the Church of the Redemption, near Fairmount, on Saturday, March 6th; of the Church of the Atonement near Logan Square, on Tuesday, April 13th; of St. James' Church, Derry township, Columbia co., on Friday, April 23d. These buildings, I am glad to say, will be distinguished for the neatness, simplicity and appropriateness of their architecture.

I cannot close the record of my labours during this part of the year without adverting to a measure which I adopted with some hesitation, and only after it had been sanctioned by the concurrence of judicious advisers, but which has been followed by results equally unexpected and gratifying. Appalling distress had suddenly fallen upon a large part of Europe, but especially upon two countries to which we are intimately allied by community of origin, language and institutions, as well as of commercial interest, and from which we have derived many of our most useful and valued citizens. It was an event occurring in the midst of general peace over the world, and when the resources of science and art had so multiplied, that vain man was beginning to bid defiance to the approach of famine. Providence chose to rebuke his presumption, and to present, in the sufferings of myriads suddenly smitten with helplessness, a sad proof of human impotence, and a most affecting appeal to the charities of the whole civilized world. It seemed to be an occasion as rare as it was providential, an occasion when, by a prompt and united effort to administer relief, made in this far off land,—we could testify not merely our love for Christ, and our commiseration for those for whom Christ died, but could also warm the somewhat alienated hearts of our kindred across the water towards us, and thus contribute to allay the bitterness of international jealousy and calm the waters of religious strife. Impressed with these considerations, and hoping that an appeal to the churches of this Diocese might operate in strengthening even without our borders the deep feeling of sympathy which was beginning to exhibit itself, and might also help to concentrate and systematise efforts in many of the less populous districts,—I issued a Pastoral Letter on the 7th of February to the Clergy and Congregations of the Diocese, asking them to make contributions towards the relief of the sufferers. The appeal

was nobly responded to, and that response has carried the warmest emotions of gratitude to the hearts of multitudes whom we shall never see, while it must be the means of saving hundreds and perhaps thousands of valuable lives. In addition to large sums contributed by members of our Church in this Diocese through other channels, especially through the Relief Committees appointed in all the larger towns, the collections made in a portion of the churches have amounted to nearly $9000, ($8612 33.) This amount has been invested in corn meal by the gratuitous agency of Messrs. Thos. Robins and Wm. Welsh, and has been consigned to the care of Brown, Shipley & Co., Liverpool, who have generously declined any compensation for their services. It is made subject, three-fourths of it to the order of the Arch-bishops of Armagh and Dublin for the use of the Irish poor, and one-fourth to the order of the Primus of the Scotch Church and of the Bishop of Edinburgh, for the use of the poor of Scotland. This disposition of the contributions was adopted on the advice of the Wardens of those Churches in Philadelphia, which had contributed to the fund, it being their opinion that it would best secure what from the beginning had been our main object, the administration of the earliest and largest measure of relief. In writing to those prelates informing them of the shipment, I expressed I am sure but their own desire as well as the united wish of my advisers and myself, when I requested that the supplies should be distributed among the most destitute without reference to their religious faith or profession.

A record of the proceedings of the Meeting at which the Wardens of the City Churches resolved upon the advice just referred to—and a statement from the Treasurer of the Fund, of the moneys received and the expenditures made for the benefit of these sufferers, accompany this address, and will be published in the Appendix. The correspondence with the Irish Archbishops, is also annexed.

Letters of Dismission have been accepted from Bishop Eastburn in behalf of the Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe; from Bishop Elliott in behalf of the Rev. Wm. Flint; from Bishop De Lancey in behalf of the Rev. John B. Colhoun, and the Rev. Charles D. Cooper; from Bishop Whittingham in behalf of the

Rev. Edward C. Jones; from Bishop Doane in behalf the Rev. Dr. Lyons; and from the Standing Committee of the Diocese of New York in favour of the Rev. Wm. M. Carmichael, D. D.

Letters of Dismission have been given in behalf of the Rev. J. B. Pradt to the Diocese of Vermont; in behalf of the Rev. Thomas M. Clark to the Diocese of Massachusetts; of the Rev. W. W. Spear to the Diocese of South Carolina; of the Rev. Samuel Rose Meade to the Diocese of New Jersey; and of the Rev. Thomas West to the Diocese of Mississippi. Of the acceptance of the last three of these letters by the Bishops to whom they were addressed, I have not been advised.

The *following Clerical Changes*, in addition to those already noticed, have taken place. The Rev. Mr. Flint has become Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie; the Rev. Dr. Charmichael of Christ Church, Meadville; the Rev. Chas. D. Cooper of St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre; the Rev. Samuel T. Lord, obliged by ill health to retire from the Rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, has been succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Marple; and the Rev. Wm. J. Clark removing to Williamsport, has been succeeded in the Rectorship of Bangor Church, Churchtown, by the Rev. Wm. L. Suddards. St. Andrew's in this city has become vacant by the lamented resignation and removal of the Rev. Thomas M. Clark; and St. Andrew's, Springville, Susquehanna co., has become vacant by the withdrawal of the Rev. Mr. Long, who has been induced to give his whole time to the congregations in Montrose and New Milford.

It is also my mournful duty to record the removal by death of two of our presbyters, the Rev. Chas. H. Alden, Chaplain of the Navy of the U. States, and the Rev. E. P. J. Messenger, Missionary on the Western Coast of Africa. Both of these brethren fell victims to the fevers incident to the climates in which they were labouring, and have left behind them, with deep regrets at their early departure, a grateful remembrance of their worth, and a solemn admonition to us who survive, to be also ready.

The present number of Candidates for Orders in this Diocese, is twenty-six, of whom seven have been received during the last year, viz: John K. Murphy, admitted June 8th, 1846; Samuel Cox, Sept. 1st; John Wade Nott, Sept. 1st; Richard S. Trapier,

Jan. 18th, 1847; (received by transfer from Bishop Gadsden,) John M. Goshorn, Feb. 2d; George W. Brown, March 2d; Lester Janes, March 15th. At the request of Thomas G. Rutherford, his name has been erased from the list of Candidates.

The number of Missionaries now employed by the Advancement Society is thirty. Their names and places of officiating are as follows:

Rev. Wm. Adderly, New Brighton, &c., Beaver county.
Rev. Jos. Adderly, Wayne township, Armstrong county.
Rev. Thomas G. Allen, city and county of Philadelphia.
Rev. Charles Breck, Wellsborough, Tioga county.
Rev. Asa S. Colton, Towanda, Bradford county.
Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Alleghany.
Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, Whitemarsh.
Rev. G. C. Drake, Schuylkill Haven, and parts adjacent.
Rev. G. A. Durborrow, Fairmount.
Rev. G. G. Field, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county.
Rev. A. C. Foster, Muncy, Lycoming county.
Rev. W. Hilton, Kittanning, Freeport, &c.
Rev. M. Hirst, Minersville, Schuylkill county.
Rev. J. B. Hoffman, Little York.
Rev. G. J. Hopkins, Doylestown.
Rev. N. M. Jones, Uniontown, Fayette county.
Rev. E. Leaf, Pottstown.
Rev. M. C. Lightner, Danville.
Rev. John Long, New Milford and Montrose.
Rev. J. M. Marsden, Christ Church, Adams county.
Rev. E. Mendenhall, Salem, Wayne county.
Rev. T. H. Michell, Waterford, Erie county.
Rev. J. Moorhouse, Southwark.
Rev. B. W. Morris, Sunbury, Northumberland county.
Rev. G. W. Natt, Bellefonte.
Rev. P. Russell, Mauch Chunk.
Rev. T. A. Starkey, Mining region adjacent to Pottsville.
Rev. Wm. White, Butler.
Rev. J. P. Nash, Phœnixville.
Rev. A. Wiltberger, Centreville, Bucks county.

To these should be added as Missionaries under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority, but not deriving aid from the

Advancement Society, the Rev. Joseph H. Smith of the Calvary Church Mission, Northern Liberties, the Rev. Wm. J. Clark, Missionary at Williamsport, and parts adjacent, and the Rev. Barclay A. Smith, Missionary at Athens, (Bradford co.,) and parts adjacent.

The several religious societies in this Diocese, which have rendered to us and to mankind, such essential service in times past, still continue their useful and unostentatious labours. Among these the Advancement Society, the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, the Female Prayer Book Society, the Episcopal Tract Society, and the Parish Library Association, deserve special mention, as entitled to the generous and united support of the Diocese. During the last year, the Bishop White Prayer Book Society, which has scattered its books without stint, not only throughout the Diocese, but over the whole country and in other lands, found itself obliged to suspend its distribution for want of funds. An appeal was made not only to the congregations of Pennsylvania, but to several of the Bishops and leading Clergymen in other states, and the appeal in some instances was most kindly received and promptly answered. Special acknowledgments are due on this account to the Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey, who issued a Pastoral Letter, recommending to his Clergy collections, &c., in aid of the Society, a recommendation which was handsomely complied with. It should be remembered that the sphere of the Society's labour is co-extensive with the country, and in one sense with the world, and those who conduct its affairs justly feel, therefore, that while it has peculiar claims on the Diocese in which its business is conducted, and to which its name must especially endear it, it has a right also to look for aid from every part of the United States. Its means are still much too limited, and I would recommend it, therefore, to the renewed liberality of our parishes, and to the especial remembrance of the Clergy.

The following abstract will exhibit some of the most material results noticed in this report:

Number of Ordinations—Deacons 13, Priests 6,	19
Churches consecrated,	2
Corner stones laid,	6
Churches materially enlarged and improved,	3

Candidates for Orders received,	8
Sermons preached,	180
Children baptized,	6
Marriages solemnized,	6
Funerals,	3
Clergymen received,	7
Clergymen dismissed,	5
Confirmations throughout the Diocese,	655

The number of confirmations this year is less by two hundred and thirty-nine than those reported last year, owing doubtless to the fact that, all the parishes in the Diocese, except two or three, having been visited during that year, the confirmations reported at this Convention, exhibit for the most part only the candidates that have been collected within twelve months; whereas, those reported at the last Convention exhibited in respect to a large proportion of the parishes, all the candidates collected within the space of two, and in some instances of three years. It is also to be observed that about twenty parishes have not been included within the visitations of the present year. The number, therefore, for this year, when considered in connection with these facts, must be regarded as encouraging, though it is small when we compare it with the number of those who attend our ministrations, and with the interest which they ought to take in the things that belong to their eternal peace. Their remissness ought not, however, to be hastily imputed to their pastors. A large proportion of the Clergy of this Diocese are faithful in warning every man and teaching every man—but the word falls on hearts too much pre-occupied with the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches, to bring forth its appropriate fruit. A season of general prosperity, such as visits our land at present, is a season of fiery trial even to faithful christians, much more to those whose vows have not been given to the Saviour in confirmation and at communion. It is a period, therefore, which calls for redoubled zeal and diligence on the part of the Clergy. With the wisdom of the serpent they should discern the dangers which threaten their flocks, and search for the best means of counteracting them, and with all simplicity and gentleness, yet with all faithfulness, they should by doctrine and life—by precept and example, endeavour to win the im-

mortal souls committed to their care, from the love of the world and from that engrossing pursuit of terrestrial good which is so apt to pierce men through with many sorrows. It is a time, too, when the general infection of a worldly spirit is apt to reach even our hearts, who minister in holy things, and it calls therefore on our part for special vigilance, self-distrust and prayer.

It is my intention to include as large a portion of the parishes as possible, within the visitations of each year. Not less than six-sevenths of our people who have not yet been confirmed will probably have an opportunity of approaching that rite once in every twelve months. It is my wish at present to leave with the Rector of each parish an unfettered discretion in regard to the question whether Confirmation shall be administered at any particular visit I make. Confirmation being a renewal of baptismal vows ought not to be approached except by those who are in a proper state to receive adult baptism, and I presume few will doubt that that Sacrament ought to be administered only to those who are firmly purposed to lead a religious life, and to separate themselves from the sinful practices and corrupting vanities of the world. Hence I should deprecate any influence applied by Pastors to the young or to other members of their flocks, to induce them to come to Confirmation, except that rite be distinctly presented, to the careless and worldly as the beginning of a life of godliness, and to the serious-minded as a means of strengthening them in their determination to be the Lord's. Two extremes as it seems to me ought to be guarded against—the one is that of urging persons to Confirmation who are not decidedly serious, or who are imperfectly instructed in regard to the nature of the vows which they ratify, and the obligations which as Christians they assume;—the other is that of neglecting to extend the invitation, and to afford the instruction, which the Church requires whenever the Bishop gives notice of his intention to visit a parish. On such notice being duly given, it is made the duty of the Minister of the parish (Canon 26, of General Convention in 1832, and Canon 11th of the Church in this Diocese,) to communicate the same to the members individually of his congregation or congregations as soon as opportunity offers, and also to publish it to such congregation or congregations on their first meeting thereafter for

public worship. And the Canon of this Diocese farther directs that he shall also on said occasion of public worship *invite the children of due age, and others not confirmed, to advise with him concerning their coming to that holy ordinance, and he shall diligently and faithfully prepare them for the same;* and he shall be ready to present for Confirmation those who shall have been previously instructed and prepared."—The wisdom of this provision is obvious, and my brethren of the clergy will discern the advantage of conforming to its provisions. It affords annually in most parishes a distinct occasion for dealing with the young in respect to their baptismal vows, and at the same time makes it the pastor's special right and duty to call upon the impenitent of every age to consider their ways. It also gives an opportunity always to be valued of collecting those together who most need religious instruction and influence, and of conducting them through a course of thorough training, subjecting their consciences and hearts to frequent and faithful appeals in private as well as in public. While then I would discourage all except the most thorough preparation of heart for confirmation, I would earnestly recommend to the Clergy to omit, on no such occasion, the attempt, to engage the young in a closer and more serious consideration of their peculiar duties and privileges, and to impress on all the necessity of giving themselves at once, and with all their hearts to the Lord. It is a gratifying fact that in a large proportion of the parishes of this Diocese, most of the persons confirmed soon become communicants. I refer to this as evidence that there is an increasing disposition to recognize the solemnity of the rite, and the necessity of a spiritual preparation for receiving it.

I had occasion in my last address to call the attention of the Diocese to the provisions, which had just been made, to secure to the sons of Churchmen a superior classical training, in connection with proper religious culture. The Episcopal Academy in this city under the care of the Rev. Dr. Hare, had then just been opened. The anticipations entertained of its usefulness have been more than realized. Its numbers have increased beyond expectation, and its discipline and course of instruction are worthy of all praise. In its influence generally, and especially in its care of the manners, morals and religious principles of the

young, it vindicates its claims to the confidence of all the members of our Church; and having occasion frequently myself to visit the school, I feel the greater assurance in recommending it to general favour.

I have the like satisfaction in referring to the Diocesan School at West Chester, under the care of Mr. Bolmar, aided by the Rev. Mr. Claxton, who has charge of the religious instruction of the pupils. The discipline of the Institution is honorably distinguished for its precision and steadiness, and for its tendency to impart habits of order and regularity, with a manly tone of feeling and deportment. The introduction of religious instruction has been attended with the happiest results; the number of pupils in attendance is rapidly increasing, and the only apprehension now is that the accommodations of the establishment will soon be inadequate.

To these provisions for the education of boys, I am happy to state that provisions hardly less ample have lately been added for the proper training of the daughters of our people. Three female schools have been opened this spring, entitled to the confidence and patronage of parents in this Diocese, and throughout the country. Intellectual training will be combined with moral and religious culture on the principles of the Church, and with a system of discipline which will studiously cherish the delicacy and graces of the female character, while it will impart tone and vigour to the moral and active powers, and sobriety to the views of life. These schools are situated, one near Germantown within about twenty minutes ride by railroad from the city; one at Aston Ridge, Delaware county, in a beautiful position, overlooking the Delaware, and about four miles from Old Chester; and a third in the village of West Chester, so long noted for its schools. With the organization of the first of these, I have been personally concerned, and I have great confidence in the capabilities of the estimable and judicious ladies, who have been entrusted with the charge of it. The others are not less entitled to consideration; each presents advantages peculiar to itself; and each is likely to have faithful and efficient supervision. The Diocese will be able to supply them all with adequate patronage, and if they meet the expectations of their

friends in respect to their character and usefulness, I feel every assurance that that patronage will not be withheld.

I cannot dismiss the subject of scholastic education for our children, without expressing my hope, that an interest in the Institutions just mentioned will not lessen our solicitude for the support and improvement of the Common Schools of the State. Pennsylvania is now engaged in a noble effort to supply every child within her limits with the means of elementary instruction; and the success of that effort must be a cherished object with all who would see our civil institutions properly administered, or the claims of Christianity in general, and of our own Church in particular, properly appreciated. The friends of sober piety and and of primitive Apostolic truth, have everything to hope and nothing to fear from the spread of intelligence among the people; and that is an end which can be secured, in the first instance, only by a general system of schools, aided by the bounty of the state, and subjected to one plan of supervision. Where there are diversities of language and religious faith, and where large masses of population are unconnected with any religious body; experience has shown that education cannot become general without the intervention of a central authority, which can at once foster, concentrate, and direct the awakening interest in schools. In this country, that authority must leave to the people in the respective districts the details of school government, insisting only on a certain standard of mental and moral qualification in the teachers, and a certain amount of time to be employed in communicating instruction. In such a country, too, *specific religious* instruction must be communicated to the pupils of *common* schools principally through the agency of parents, Sunday Schools and Pastors. As these schools are attended almost exclusively by day scholars it can be given to them chiefly at home, and in connection with their respective parishes; or it might, as in some countries of Europe, be imparted in school, at certain prescribed times, by the respective clergymen who have charge of the families to which children in attendance belong. No difficulty on this subject ought, I conceive, to endanger the paramount object of bringing the neglected children of indigence, of vice, and of sordid indifference under

the benign influence of those who can teach them much, if not everything; and who in proportion as they open their understandings, and raise their tastes, will only prepare them the better for that religious culture which otherwise they might never have attained. It should be considered, too, that most of the children taught in our common schools, can never enjoy the advantages of such seminaries as we have in connection with our Church, and if educated at all must be educated near their own homes, and at rates made sufficiently low by the united contributions of the holders of property, who for all they contribute to schools, will receive abundant return in the diminution of taxes, and in the increased security of their persons and estates.

I have thus noticed the most material facts connected with the affairs of the Diocese. On the whole our condition seems to be encouraging, although as in every thing human, there is vast room for improvement. Some of the most obvious of our existing evils will yield I trust, before the earnest prayers and the judicious and persevering labours of those whose hearts and hands are devoted to Christ's service. But it must be remembered that other evils will from time to time arise, and that while in these tabernacles of frail humanity, we can never hope to witness any institution perfectly administered, nor expect to be released from the stern but salutary necessity of warring with difficuties and abuses. We are favoured with a laborious and self-denying body of Clergy, inadequately supported in many instances, but devoting themselves for the most part with exemplary zeal to their Master's work. I cannot but hope, that there will be among the people an increasing sense of the value of their labours, and an increasing disposition to provide for their personal comfort and for that of their families. But a very slight addition to the contributions of each worshipper, would form in many parishes an aggregate, which would add most materially to the comfort and independence of the Pastor, and would relieve him from many anxious and desponding thoughts. The ministry faithfully followed, must, under almost any circumstances, be a life of toil and sacrifice. It is best for us who bear it, that it should be so, but it is not well either for him who serves at the altar, nor for them who benefit of his serving, that the burden should be heavier than can well be borne by even a patient and

faithful heart;—least of all, that it should be made heavier or more galling by the neglect of those who should be our helpers and our joy. Slight attentions from the members of a flock to their pastor, do much to cheer him in his solitary and public labours, and tend to strengthen those ties which are now too easily and too frequently ruptured. Parishes cannot well flourish in the truest and highest sense, where the minister is changed once in every two or three years; and many of these changes would become unnecessary, if a little more care were bestowed upon the duty, First, of making a clergyman's salary sufficient for his absolute wants, and Secondly, of securing its prompt payment when due. On the other hand it is not to be forgotten that in proportion as a clergyman is faithful and devoted in advancing the welfare of his flock, he is likely in the same proportion to be the object of thoughtful and generous consideration in their arrangements for his support.

It has been my melancholy duty to record the displacement of one Clergyman of this Diocese, during the last year, in consequence of his having exchanged his relations to this Church for membership in the Church of Rome. I have no desire to indulge in any unkind reflections either towards him or towards the religious body with which he has become connected. To their own Master they stand or fall. But I trust I may, without impropriety, refer to this event as a reason for renewing my dissuasive from speculations, which though begun, sometimes, in thoughtlessness, and sometimes in an overfond pursuit of what calls itself Catholic, is but too apt to terminate in rejecting the very first principles of true Catholicism. I rejoice in the assurance that there is in this Diocese a prevailing and deep feeling of allegiance to the Church as it is, in its liturgy, its government, and its articles. This allegiance will continue unimpaired, and will grow into a yet more controlling sentiment, if we allow the provisions which our Church has made for the edification of its members, and for the conversion of sinners, to work themselves out in a moderate and judicious manner. At such a time we must, as it seems to me, be content to recognize practically the broad and comprehensive principles on which the Reformation and re-organization of the Anglican Church were conducted, and thus be tolerant of diversities in doctrine and practice which

have always prevailed, and which are not likely to disappear, except before the fires of a ruthless intolerance. We must recognize also that wise reference, as well to the principles of Scripture as to the condition and institutions of our own country, which governed the founders of our American Church in their revision of the Prayer Book, and in their code of ecclesiastical law. We must be willing to leave to Churches more superstitious, and as we believe less pure,—usages, which, though they may have the sanction of antiquity, are inconsistent with that simplicity which we have been taught to love; or which having been made directly subservient to gross errors, or, having become inseparably associated with such errors in the minds of a large portion of the Christian world, were on that account wisely laid aside by the early Reformers. We must strive after so much uniformity, even in externals, as will exhibit the unity and decorum of our system, shunning the extreme of pomp and pageantry on the one hand, and of slovenly negligence on the other. We must multiply the means of grace in public, but without withdrawing our people from the indispensable duties of the closet and of the family altar. We must encourage reverence for the Sacraments, but not at the expense of reverence for that ordinance of preaching Christ and him crucified, which has been the great instrument of winning souls to God. We must endeavour to draw deference and affectionate regard towards our office and our persons, rather by our zeal and engagedness, than by doubtful theories of priestly authority. We must be willing to admit the indefeasible right to think, which pertains to every human being, while we combine with the admission of that right, clear views of the fearful responsibility which attaches to all who wantonly abuse it. We must cultivate gladly in our people the disposition for which the Apostle commended the Berean christians, and on account of which he pronounced them noble—the disposition to search diligently the Scriptures of eternal truth, and to search them that they may learn whether the instructions which issue from our lips are in conformity with the mind of the Spirit. At the same time we must endeavour to train them up in a dutiful reverence for the authority and requirements of the Church to which they belong, and urge them constantly, that avoiding foolish and unlearned questions, they

endeavour to give full effect to her admirable provisions for the training of the young and for the instruction and improvement of their own souls, neglecting none of her clear directions for the observance of the greater festivals, for the catechising of children, and for the due and decent administration of her worship and offices.

In conclusion, Brethren, I ask your prayers that God's grace and blessing may be poured out upon us, that Wisdom from above may preside over the deliberations in which we are about to engage, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life; and that through His Spirit vouchsafed in aid of the preaching of the word, God's ways may soon be known throughout the earth, His saving health among all nations.

A. POTTER.

Philadelphia, May 19th, 1847.

The Bishop handed to the Secretary the list of Candidates for Holy Orders, in the Diocese, which is as follows:

LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR HOLY ORDERS

In the Diocese of Pennsylvania, May 19th, 1847:

Robert Phipps—since February 7th, 1843.
John W. Shackelford—since May 2d, 1843.
William F. Bryant—since April 2d, 1844.
Robert J. Parvin—since May 21st, 1844.
Richard B. Tschudy—since October 1st, 1844.
Cadwallader C. Hoffman—since April 1st, 1845.
Jacob Rambo—since April 1st, 1845.
Archibald Beatty—since April 1st, 1845.
Joel Rudderow—since July 9th, 1845.
Benjamin J. Douglass—since July 12th, 1845.
Daniel S. Miller—since July 23d, 1845.
Francis C. Clements—since September 19th, 1845.
Robert Bakewell—since September 19th, 1845.
R. Ralston Cox—since September 29th, 1845.
Samuel Randall—since November 4th, 1845.
Francis J. Warner—since November 4th, 1845.
Frederick S. Wileys—since December 2d, 1845.

John A. Merrick—since March 4th, 1846.
William B. Musgrave—since April 7th, 1846.
John T. Murphy—since June 8th, 1846.
Samuel Cox—since September 1st, 1846.
John Wade Nott—since September 1st, 1846.
Richard S. Trapier—since January 18th, 1847.
John M. Goshorn—since February 2d, 1847.
George W. Brown—since March 2d, 1847.
Lester Janes—since March 15th, 1847.

Total 26.

A. POTTER.

Philadelphia, May 19th, 1847.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Bull, the Convention took a recess of 15 minutes, preparatory to the Election of officers. The Convention reassembled after the recess: and proceeded to vote for Members of the Standing Committee of the Diocese. The Rev. Messrs. Ogilby, Clark, Claxton and Buchanan were appointed by the Bishop, Tellers to receive the votes of the Clergy, and Messrs. Toland, Peacock, Hoskins and Burnside, Tellers, to receive the votes of the Lay Representations. While the Tellers were engaged in counting the votes, the Secretary reported, that there were 79 Clergymen present in Convention, and 71 Lay Representations.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, a Committee on unfinished business was appointed. The Chair nominated the Rev. Dr. Ducachet and the Rev. Mr. Shannon, as the Committee.

Mr. Meredith moved to postpone the order of the day with reference to the election of Delegates to the General Convention; and that the said election be made the order for to-morrow at half past twelve o'clock, and that nominations of candidates be received forthwith, and also immediately after morning prayer to-morrow. Which was carried—and thereupon the following nominations were made, viz.:

Rev. Dr. Dorr,	Rev. Dr. Boyd,
" " Bull,	" " Morton,
" " Bowman,	" " Ducachet,
" " Upfold,	Rev. Mr. Newton,
" " Morgan,	" " Neville,

Rev. Mr. Preston,
" " Kerr,
" " Michell,
" " Fowles,
Hon. J. M. Conyngham,
" A. L. Hayes,
" J. R. Ingersoll,
Mr. Purviance,
" I. Hazelhurst,
Mr. J. S. Richards,
" Geo. Hogg,
" Ashurst,
" H. Reed,
" G. M. Stroud,
" H. Cope,
" G. M. Wharton, and
" T. Robins.

The Tellers appointed to receive the votes of the Clergy and of the Lay Representations for members of the Standing Committee, reported, that 79 Clergymen and 71 Churches had voted, and that the following votes had been cast for the persons hereafter named, viz:

	Votes of the Clergy.	Votes of the Lay Representations.
Rev. Mr. Howe, - - -	54	42
" Dr. Morton, - - -	51	61
" " Clay, - - -	55	60
" Mr. Suddards, - -	51	45
" Newton, - - -	46	32
" Dr. Dorr, - - -	35	39
" Mr. Kerr, - - -	39	34
" " Maxwell, - -	17	7
" Dr. Hare, - - -	7	11
" Mr. Odenheimer, - -	8	11
" " Harris, - - -	3	2
" Dr. Boyd, - - -	2	1
" " Coleman, - -	4	3
" Mr. Ogilby - - -	3	3
" " Ridgeley, - -	3	
" " Van Pelt, - -	2	
" " Brincklé, - -	2	
" " Fowles, - - -	1	
" Dr. Ducachet, - -	2	
Mr. Thos. Robins, - - -	77	70
" R. S. Smith, - - -	74	69
" G. M. Wharton, - -	37	40
" J. S. Newbold, - -	36	38

	Vote of the Clergy.	Vote of the Lay Representations.
Mr. Wm. Musgrave, - -	36	37
" Thos. M. Pettit, - -	40	32
" Lewis R. Ashurst, - -	43	32
" A. G. Coffin, - - -	43	31

The Bishop thereupon announced, that the Rev. Messrs. Morton, Clay, Howe and Suddards, of the Clergy, and Messrs. Robins and R. S. Smith of the Laity, had been duly elected members of the Standing Committee, and that no one of the other persons voted for, had received the constitutional majority of the votes of the Clergy and Lay Representations.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Suddards, it was Resolved, that the Convention proceed to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, to vote for one Clerical and three Lay members of the Standing Committee.

The Convention then, on motion adjourned.

G. M. Wharton, Secretary.

Thursday, May 20, *A. D.* 1847, 9 *o'clock, A. M.*

The Convention met at the call of the Bishop, who opened the meeting with appropriate collects. After roll-call the minutes of yesterday, P. M. were read and approved.

Rev. Messrs. Quinan, Maxwell, and Enos Woodward, appeared and took their seats, and Messrs. Geo. Fox, C. W. Harrison, Jenks, C. Morris, J. P. Donaldson, Plank, Pettibone, J. P. Rutter, Thos. Wood and C. Pearce, Lay Deputies, entitled to seats, answered to their names and took their seats.

The Rev. Mr. Wiltberger moved to insert the name of Saml. G. Slack in the place of Peter V. Bayley, in the certificate of the Deputies from St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville, the latter name having been inserted by mistake. The motion was lost.

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet, from the Committee on unfinished business, presented the following Report:

The Committee on unfinished business report, that they find upon the Journal of the Convention of last year, several important matters which remain to be acted upon. 1. The question

of the proviso to the third clause of the IVth article of the constitution, respecting the qualifications of Lay Deputies, remains to be settled (see p. 42, Journal of 1846.)

2. The resolution offered by the Rev. Mr. Cooley respecting the formation of a church building society, referred last year to a committee, (p. 50,) Dr. Ducachet being chairman.

3. The resolution presented by the Dr. Coleman, touching the admission to Deacon's orders of certain persons, as provided for by the 6th Canon of the General Convention of 1844, that Rev. gentleman being the chairman of the Committee to which the business was referred. (p. 50.)

4. Certain proposed amendments to the constitution offered by the Rev. J. W. Hoffman. (p. 53.)

5. The report of the Committee on the state of the Church, appointed under the 17th diocesan Canon, Mr. Suddards being the chairman. (p. 54.)

6. The Rev. Dr. Boyd's proposed Canon, p. 52, Dr. Ducachet being the chairman of the Committee having that matter in charge.

H. W. Ducachet, Chairman, &c.
O. Evans Shannon.

Phila., May 20th, 1847.

The Rev. Dr. Dorr, President of the Standing Committee, laid on the table the Articles of Association of the Church of the Crucifixion, Philadelphia co., as approved by the Bishop and Standing Committee, and on motion, the same were referred to the Committee on Charters.

The Convention proceeded, according to the order of yesterday, to vote for the remaining members of the Standing Committee. The Clerical Tellers the same as yesterday. The Lay Tellers being Messrs. Hoskins, Stavely, Lewis and Burnside.

While the Tellers were engaged in receiving and counting the votes, the Rev. Dr. Ducachet presented the following report:

The Committee appointed at the last Convention to consider and report upon the 20th Canon, proposed by the Rev. Dr. Boyd, (the minute of which appears on the 52d and 53d pages of the Journal of 1846,) respectfully report, that they have given the subject their consideration; and that after consulting with the Right Reverend the Bishop, (as instructed by the Conven-

tion,) they have come to the conclusion that any action in the matter is, at the present time, inexpedient and unnecessary. It is a subject which, it seems to them, belongs more properly to the General Convention than to this body. Any Canon which the General Convention may pass in relation to it, will accomplish the object in view much more effectually than any law which might be enacted by us. And, it is expected on good grounds, that the matter will be submitted to that higher judicatory of the church.

They, therefore, respectfully ask to be discharged. Signed in behalf of the Committee.

H. W. Ducachet, Chairman.

Philada., May 19th, 1847.

The Committee was, on motion, discharged.

He also presented the following:

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered at the last Convention, respecting the formation of a church building society, (p. 50 of Journal of 1846) beg leave respectfully to report, that they are unanimously of opinion that the object contemplated by that resolution is highly important, and its accomplishment greatly desirable. It is, however, a very intricate subject, and one encumbered with difficulties. And, as they were not instructed to report any plan for carrying the design into effect, they have not felt themselves authorized to do so. They, therefore, have thought it best, with this expression of opinion, to leave the subject to the wisdom of the Convention, that the whole matter may be discussed and settled by the body itself. Should the Convention deem it proper to give them instructions as to the leading features and principles upon which they desire the society to be formed, they will cheerfully endeavour to report a scheme in accordance with the instructions they may receive. Otherwise they respectfully beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted, and signed by order, and in behalf of the Committee.

Henry W. Ducachet, Chairman.

Philadelphia, May 19th, 1847.

This Committee was also discharged.

The Rev. Mr. Cooley offered the following Resolutions:

Whereas, the deficiency of church accommodation is so great and so rapidly increasing as to demand for its adequate supply, far more enlarged vigorous and energetic efforts than can possibly be made, except by means of a society which shall enlist the feelings, enjoy the confidence, and call forth the liberality of the church generally throughout the Diocese.

And whereas, the work of building the church in its waste and destitute places seems most properly to belong to the Diocese in its collective capacity; on the principle that if one member suffer, the whole body suffers with it, and that the strong should help to bear the infirmities of the weak; and also, that if the Diocese do not in some systematic and authorized way perform this its legitimate work; all experience shows that it will in a great measure be left undone.

And whereas, if a society be once established, irregular and irresponsible efforts for obtaining aid towards church building will be superseded, and those who feel constrained to ask, will know how, and when, and where, and to whom to apply; and those who have to give will be assured that their contributions are to be appropriated not to gratify a few interested individuals, but rather by the Church's Chosen Head and Council, to build up her most destitute and needy places in the Diocese. Whereas, the time and money now spent, and the unpleasantness now sometimes experienced by applicants for aid to build Churches, will be avoided; and the Layman, instead of being interrupted in his hours of business by numerous applicants, the nature of whose claims he does not understand, will be freed from the perplexity, and have opened for him a channel for his contributions to this object, worthy of his fullest confidence and largest liberality.

And whereas, experience, always the best teacher in such matters, has shown conclusively by the very great success which has attended the church building societies in England, and in some parts of our own country; the vast importance of associated, authorized and well defined action for the accomplishment of this particular object.

Therefore Resolved, 1st. That with a view of bringing this matter fairly and fully before the Diocese, and testing the expediency of forming a church building society therein; a Commit-

tee of three Clergymen and two Laymen be appointed to frame a scheme for the accomplishment of said object, and report the same to this Convention to be published in the Journal, and called up for definite action at the next Convention.

Resolved, 2d. That the same committee be instructed to report to the next Convention, the facts bearing on the case as reasons for the formation of the society, contemplated and set forth in the scheme.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Cooley, the foregoing Resolutions were laid on the table.

The Rev. Mr. Suddards presented the following Report:

The Committee on the state of the Church respectfully report,

That immediately after the last Convention, the reports of the parishes for the previous year were placed in their hands. From these reports they prepared a statistical view of the condition of the Diocese, which was published in tabular form in the Appendix of the Journal.

The Committee have pleasure in enumerating some of the facts which these reports in connection with the address of the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, present for the consideration of the Convention.

The list of Clergy may be distributed as follows:—There are 90 in actual parish work; 2 Chaplains in the Navy; 6 Professors in Colleges or Seminaries; 5 Instructors of youth without cure of souls; 13, (including the sick,) without pastoral charge. Two reside out of the Diocese. There are six, if not more, who are obliged to connect the work of school teaching, with the numerous and pressing cares of the parish minister.

In the contribution of $43,488 by 82 parishes, for benevolent and Christian objects—In the erection of four new Churches, and the commencement of a fifth, in which God's holy name may be worshipped in truth and purity through all generations.—In the admission of four young men to the order of Deacons, and a like number to the rank of Presbyters; your Committee cannot but recognize the hand and blessing of Him who enlargeth our borders.

In the aggregate return of 8414 communicants from 90 parishes, leaving 26 unreported;—In the baptism of 245 adults and 1508 infants; In the confirmation of 894 persons who had

arrived at a sufficient age, and as is presumed to a right state of heart and mind, to ratify and confirm the baptismal covenant; your Committee see abundant cause to draw forth devout thanksgiving for past blessing, and excite the liveliest hope for the future.

The addition of 13 candidates for Holy Orders, making a total of 32, who are being trained within our ecclesiastical borders for the work of the ministry;—The invigorated action which has been given to the Protestant Episcopal Academy in Philadelphia, under the efficient scholarship and paternal kindness of the Rev. Dr. Hare, its Principal,—and the opening of a Diocesan Boarding School at West Chester under the charge of Anthony Bolmar, Esq., long known as one of our most distinguished teachers, give bright promise of better days for the training of the children of the Church.

The Committee would respectfully suggest, that the Convention adopt a more efficient mode than at present exists for securing annual reports from parishes. This suggestion refers especially to country parishes, which may be destitute of Rectors at the time of the meeting of the Convention.

The Committee would also recommend, that all the parochial reports be made on the printed forms furnished by the Secretary; a compliance with this rule would greatly facilitate the effort to secure a correct tabular statement of the entire Diocese.

All which is respectfully submitted by the Committee.

WM. SUDDARDS, Chairman.

Phila., May 19, 1847.

The Rev. Dr. Bowman read the following Report.

The Committee to whom was referred, by the last Convention,* certain proposed changes in the 4th Article of the constitution of the Church in this Diocese have considered the same, and now beg leave respectfully to Report:

That the effect of the proposed changes will be, to exclude from a seat in this Body, all ministers of the Order of Deacons—all clergymen of whatever order, engaged in teaching in institutions of learning, not under the ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese—and also to take from Parishes, having no Rector, at the time of the election, the right of sending delegates here.

* See pp. 53 and 54, Journal of 1846.

The committee do not intend to argue the various questions, suggested by the proposed alterations: nor do they feel called upon to express an opinion, as to the possibility of devising any rule touching membership in this body, more in accordance with sound ecclesiastical principles, and the usages of ancient times.

The committee feel sensibly indeed, the difficulty of adopting any standard of qualification for membership here, which will be wholly unexceptionable, or which may not, in certain cases, operate unequally or oppressively. They do not doubt, that particular instances of hardship, may have occurred, or are liable to occur, under the existing constitution: Yet they are by no means satisfied that any rule could be adopted, that would not admit of as great or similar evils.

Whatever objections therefore, whether of a theoretical or practical kind, may be urged against the constitution as it is, it has, on the whole operated so beneficially, for a long course of years, as to make it, in the judgment of your committee, inexpedient and unwise, at this time to change or disturb it. We know the results of the present provisions of the constitution: But we cannot know, what would come of the proposed alterations: All history however, is full of instruction as to the mischief and hazard of change in things long settled and established.

The committee are therefore unable to recommend the adoption of the proposed changes, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

On behalf of the Committee,
S. Bowman, Chairman.

May 19, 1847.

The Committee was, on motion, discharged.

The Rev. Dr. Coleman presented the following Report.

The Committee to whom was referred by the last Convention the propriety of requesting the Bishop of this diocese to admit persons to the holy order of Deacons, under the provisions of the 6th canon of the General Convention of 1844, respectfully report:—

That they have duly considered the important subject submitted to them, and are unanimously of opinion that it is expedient to make such request.

It was long since the declared wish of the wise and venerable Bishop White, "that matters were brought to the condition, in which there would be some deacons not intending to be priests;" and it is believed that this wish would apply much more to the exigencies of the Church at the present day. Feeling the importance of further provision in relation to deacons, the last General Convention of the Church, with great unanimity, passed a canon, making it lawful for any Bishop, upon being requested so to do by a resolution of the Convention of his diocese, to admit to the order of Deacons, under certain restrictions, persons with qualifications inferior to those hitherto demanded. This canon so carefully guards against any evils which might be apprehended, that your committee can see no hazard in the passage of the resolution necessary to render its provisions available; but believe that it may be safely left to the Bishop's prudence, who, it is presumed, will only exercise the discretionary power vested in him in cases of evident and urgent necessity.—In his primary Address to the last annual Convention of this diocese, he thus referred to the subject:—

"The Deacons contemplated in this canon, are not in any case to have charge of parishes, and can be ordained Presbyters only when they have completed the studies and passed the examinations prescribed in other canons, both for Deacons and for Priests. In officiating and performing other duties, they are to be under the direction of the Rector within whose parish they labour; and they are not to have seats in any convention, nor be made the basis of any representation in the management of the concerns of the Church. I have not been able to satisfy myself how far officers sustaining such a relation to the Church and its clergy are likely to be useful in the present state of society in this commonwealth. That some aid for the clergy in our larger parishes, and especially in cities, is much to be desired, is certain; and it is not impossible that this aid might be effectively rendered by Deacons, such as are provided for in this canon."

In accordance with the canonical provision, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, that the Right Rev. the Bishop of the diocese be, and hereby is, respectfully requested by this convention, to admit to the holy order of Deacons, from time to time, as circum-

stances may seem to render it expedient, such persons as may apply for the same under Canon VI. of the General Convention of 1844; and who shall, to his satisfaction, and to that of the Standing Committee of the diocese, comply with the requirements of said Canon.

JOHN COLEMAN.
EDWARD Y. BUCHANAN.
THOMAS ROBINS.
RICHARD S. SMITH.

The Rev. Thomas H. Clark, though concurring in opinion with the committee, having since removed from the diocese, his name is not appended to the above Report. J. C.

Philadelphia, May 18, 1847.

The Resolution attached to the Report, being again read and before the House, Mr. J. S. Smith moved that the same be made the order of the day for this afternoon at half past five o'clock, which motion was carried.

The Clerical Tellers made the following Report: [*See p.* 52.]

Clerical votes, 74. Present in Convention, 81. Necessary to a choice, 41.

Rev. Richard Newton,	39	A. G. Coffin,	38
" Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	34	George M. Wharton,	35
" John J. Kerr,	1	James S. Newbold,	34
Thomas M. Pettit,	40	Wm. Musgrave,	35
L. R. Ashurst,	40		

The Lay Tellers presented the following Report:

Lay delegations voting, 66. Present in Convention, 71. Necessary to a choice, 36.

Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	33	Thomas M. Pettit,	30
" Richard Newton,	32	L. R. Ashhurst,	30
" G. E. Hare,	1	A. G. Coffin,	30
George M. Wharton,	37	Dr. C. Morris,	2
James S. Newbold,	35	William Welsh,	1
William Musgrave,	34		

The Bishop announced that no one of the persons voted for, had received the requisite majority—and on motion of the Rev. Dr. Ducachet, the Convention proceeded to another ballot, the same persons acting as Tellers.

The Tellers presented the following Report:

Clerical Tellers.

Clerical votes, 76,		Necessary to a choice, 41.	
Rev. Richard Newton,	41	George M. Wharton,	38
" Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	35	Wm. Musgrave,	37
Thomas M. Pettit,	38	J. S. Newbold,	36
L. R. Ashhurst,	40	Thomas Robins,	1
A. G. Coffin,	38		

Lay Tellers.

Lay delegations voting, 67,		Necessary to a choice, 36.	
Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	34	Thomas M. Pettit,	31
" Richard Newton,	32	L. R. Ashhurst,	30
" G. E. Hare,	1	A. G. Coffin,	29
George M. Wharton,	39	Dr. C. Morris,	2
J. S. Newbold,	36	William Welsh,	1
William Musgrave,	33		

No one of the persons voted for having received the requisite majority of votes—the Convention, on motion of Rev. Mr. Suddards, proceeded to another ballot, with the same Tellers.

The Rev. Dr. Upfold presented the following Report:

The Committee on Charters respectfully report, that they have examined the Charters of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, Bucks County; The Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond; The Church of the Atonement; and the Church of the Crucifixion, Philadelphia County; and Christ Church, Williamsport, Lycoming County; and have found them in accordance with the Constitution and Canons. They therefore submit the following resolution:—

Resolved, that St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, Bucks County, The Churches of the Messiah, of the Atonement, and of the Crucifixion, Philadelphia County, and Christ Church, Williamsport, Lycoming County, be, and they are hereby admitted into union with this Convention.

In behalf of the Committee,

GEORGE UPFOLD, Chairman.

The Resolution attached to the Report was adopted.

The Clerical Tellers made the following Report: [*See p.* 60.]

Clerical votes, 77,		Necessary to a choice, 41.	
Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	37	James S. Newbold,	37
" Richard Newton,	40	Wm. Musgrave,	38
Thomas M. Pettit,	39	L. R. Ashhurst,	40
George M. Wharton,	39	A. G. Coffin,	38

The Lay Tellers reported as follows:

Lay delegations voting, 65.		Necessary to a choice, 36.	
Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	29	Wm. Musgrave,	28
" Richard Newton,	34	Thomas M. Pettit,	32
" G. E. Hare,	1	L. R. Ashhurst,	30
George M. Wharton,	37	A. G. Coffin,	30
James S. Newbold,	32	William Welsh,	2

The Bishop announced that there was no choice.

The order of the day being temporarily postponed—On motion of Mr. G. M. Wharton, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Stem, for his earnest and impressive sermon delivered yesterday.

Mr. Robins offered the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses of the Bishop upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention Fund—provided that the amount so paid does not exceed the sum of $350.

He also proposed the following:

Resolved, that $300 be appropriated toward the payment of mileage—to the Rectors of such Churches as have made contributions to the Convention Fund, for the past year, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the same to such Clergymen as make application, pro rata according to their actual expenses.

Which, after discussion, was adopted.

Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved to postpone indefinitely the further balloting for members of the Standing Committee.

Judge Lewis offered the following Resolution as a substitute for the motion of Rev. Dr. Ducachet.

Resolved, that in all elections hereafter to be held, the person

or persons receiving a majority of the whole number of votes cast by each order at such election, shall be declared duly elected.

Mr. James S. Smith offered the following as an amendment to the foregoing—which was accepted as a modification by Judge Lewis.

Provided, that such elections at subsequent Conventions, shall be held at five o'clock in the afternoon of the second day of the session.

Mr. Wright moved to refer the Resolution and the Amendment to a select Committee, to report thereon this afternoon,—which was not agreed to.

The order of the day being postponed on motion—The question on Judge Lewis' resolution as modified, was called for by orders—it was so taken, and resulted as follows:

Ayes.

Rev. T. G. Allen,
" Breed Batcheller,
" Samuel Bowman, D. D.
" George Boyd, D. D.
" Samuel C. Brinckle,
" Levi Bull, D. D.
" William J. Clark,
" Robert B. Claxton,
" John B. Clemson,
" J. Howland Coit,
" Asa S. Colton,
" Samuel Cowell,
" Jacob M. Douglass,
" George C. Drake,
" Heman Dyer, D. D.
" George G. Field,
" C. A. Foster,
" J. A. Fowles,
" Richard D. Hall,
" Anson G. Hard,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.
" Samuel Hazelhurst,
" Henry T. Hiester,
" William Hilton,

Rev. Marmaduke Hirst,
" Benjamin S. Huntington,
" John J. Kerr,
" George Kirke,
" Edmund Leaf,
" John Long,
" John Gordon Maxwell,
" Edwin Mendenhall,
" Tobias H. Michell, M. D.
" George Mintzer,
" Richard U. Morgan, D.D.
" J. P. Nash,
" Edmund Neville,
" Richard Newton,
" William S. Perkins,
" William Preston,
" Thomas H. Quinan,
" Greenbury W. Ridgely,
" Peter Russell,
" Owen Evans Shannon,
" George Sheets,
" Nathan Stem,
" K. J. Stewart,
" William Suddards,

Rev. Henry Tullidge,
" Peter Van Pelt,
" John A. Vaughan, D.D.
" Christian Wiltberger,
Rev. Enos Woodward,
" W. H. Woodward,
Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D.
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Noes.

Rev. Frederick W. Beasley,
" William H. Bourns,
" Edward Y. Buchanan,
" Jehu C. Clay, D. D.
" John Coleman, D. D.
" William C. Cooley,
" William N. Diehl,
" Benjamin Dorr, D. D.
" H. W. Ducachet, D. D.
" Geo. E. Durborow,
" John W. Hoffman,
" George P. Hopkins,
" Milton C. Lightner,
Rev. Samuel T. Lord,
" Henry J. Morton, D.D.
" George W. Natt,
" William H. Odenheimer,
" Frederick Ogilby,
" Azariah Prior,
" John Rodney,
" Joshua M. Rogers,
" Richard Smith,
" George Upfold, D. D.
" William White,
" Thomas C. Yarnall.
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Ayes.

St. Andrew's ch., Pittsburg,
St. Thomas' ch., Morgantown,
St. James the Greater's ch.,
St. Luke's church, Newtown,
St. Andrew's ch., Yardleyville,
Grace church, Hulmeville,
Trinity church, Centreville,
St. John's church, Bellefonte,
St. John's ch. N. London to'p,
St. Mary's ch., Warwick to'p.,
St. Peter's ch., Great Valley,
St. John's church, Pequea,
St. Paul's ch., W. Whiteland t'p.
St. Andrew's ch., W. Vincent,
St. Mark's ch., Honeybrook,
Ch. of the Holy Trinity, W. C.
St. Stephen's ch., Harrisburg,
St. Paul's church, Chester,
St. Martin's ch., L. Chichester towns'p Marcus Hook,
St. David's ch. Newtown township, Radnor,
Calvary church, Rockdale,
St. James' church, Lancaster,
Christ church, Leacock,
Bangor ch. Caernarvon t'nship. Churchtown,
All Saints' Church, Paradise,
St. Stephen's ch., Wilkesbarre,
St. James' church, Muncy,
St. James ch., Perkiomen to'p.
St. John's church, Norristown,
Christ church, Pottstown,
St. Paul's ch., Philadelphia,
Ch. of the Evangelists, Sow'k.
Trinity church, Southwark,
St. Philip's ch. Spring Garden,
Ch. of the Nativity, S. Garden,
St. Matthew's ch. Francisville,

Ayes.

St. Andrew's ch. Philadelphia, All Saints' ch. L. Dublin to'p.
Grace church, Philadelphia, Emanuel church, Holmesburg
St. Luke's ch., Philadelphia, St. Mark's church, Frankford,
Church of the Epiphany, Phil. Emanuel church, Kensington,
St. John's ch, N. Liberties, St. Mary's ch, W. Philadelphia
Advent ch. Northern Liberties, Trinity church, Pottsville, 48

Divided.

Gloria Dei church, Southwark, St. James' ch., Schuy'l Haven, 2

Noes.

Trinity church, Pittsburg, St. Stephen's ch. Philadelphia,
St. Gabriel's ch., Morlattin, Church of the Ascen., "
St. Mark's ch., Mauch Chunk. All Saints' ch., Moyamensing,
Christ church, Danville, Ch. of the Redemption, S. G.
St. John's church, Carlisle, St. James the Less' ch., N. Penn
St. Thomas' ch., Whitemarsh to. Township,
Trinity church, Easton. Trinity ch., Oxford Township.
Christ church, Philadelphia, St. Luke's ch., Germantown,
St. Peter's ch., Philadelphia, St. David's ch., Manayunk,
St. James' ch., Philadelphia, 18

So the Resolution was adopted.

The Rev. Mr. Ogilby offered the following:—

Resolved, that a Committee be appointed to inquire how many Trustees of the General Theological Seminary this Diocese is entitled to; and also to report the names of the present incumbents.

Rev. Dr. Bull moved for a division of the question, which was lost. The Resolution of Rev. Mr. Ogilby was then adopted.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to another ballot for the remaining members of the Standing Committee, the same Tellers acting—who reported.—

Clerical votes, 78. Necessary to a choice, 40.

Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	35	George M. Wharton,	38
" Richard Newton,	43	James S. Newbold,	36
Thomas M. Pettit,	40	W. Musgrave,	37
L. R. Ashhurst,	42	Thomas Robins,	1
A. G. Coffin,	40		

Lay delegations voting, 63.		Necessary to a choice, 32.	
Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	30	W. Musgrave,	30
" Richard Newton,	31	Thomas M. Pettit,	30
" G. E. Hare,	1	L. R. Ashhurst,	31
George M. Wharton,	34	A. G. Coffin,	31
J. S. Newbold,	31		

No one having been elected, Mr. Welsh offered the following:

Resolved, that a committee of 6 be appointed to nominate 1 Clergyman and 3 Laymen, to fill the vacancy in the Standing Committee; which was lost. The Convention then proceeded with another ballot.

The Tellers, after counting the votes—reported as follows:

Clerical votes, 77.		Necessary to a choice, 39.	
Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	34	Wm. Musgrave,	35
" Richard Newton,	43	T. M. Pettit,	40
George M. Wharton,	38	L. R. Ashhurst,	39
J. S. Newbold,	36	A. G. Coffin,	37

Lay delegations voting, 64.		Necessary to a choice, 33.	
Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	33	T. M. Pettit,	30
" Richard Newton,	31	L. R. Ashhurst,	30
George M. Wharton,	37	A. G. Coffin,	29
J. S. Newbold,	33	Thomas Robins,	1
W. Musgrave,	30	William Welsh,	1

The Bishop thereupon declared, that there had been no election.

Rev. Mr. Suddards thereupon moved, that a Committee of Conference be appointed, to nominate suitable persons as members of the Standing Committee, and Delegates to the General Convention, which prevailed,—and the Bishop appointed Rev. Messrs. Morgan, Morton, Suddards, Claxton, and Messrs. J. S. Smith, Robins, Welsh, and Bancker.

The Bishop announced that he had appointed as the Committee, on the Rev. Mr. Ogilby's resolution of this morning, Rev. Messrs. Ogilby, Newton, and Mr. Ashhurst.

The Convention then adjourned.

G. M. Wharton, Secretary.

Thursday, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention assembled—and the Roll of the Clergy was called—the calling of the Roll of the Lay Deputies was dispensed with. The Minutes of the Morning Session were read and approved.

The Rev. Dr. Morgan moved to postpone the order of the day for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Committee of Conference—which was agreed to. He then reported the following as the Ticket agreed by the Committee to be recommended for the choice of the remaining members of the Standing Committee, viz—Rev. Dr. G. E. Hare and Messrs. G. M. Wharton, T. M. Pettit, and John Welsh, Jun.—and he further reported, that they had been unable to agree upon a ticket for Deputies to the General Convention.

The order of the day was again postponed for the purpose of voting for the remaining members of the Standing Committee —and the Convention thereupon proceeded to another ballot.

The Tellers reported as follows:

Clerical votes, 79,		Necessary to a choice, 40.	
Rev. Geo. E. Hare, D.D.	40	John Welsh, jr.,	39
" Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	19	J. S. Newbold,	22
" Richard Newton,	16	W. Musgrave,	24
" H.W. Ducachet, D.D.	1	L. R. Ashhurst,	21
" N. S. Harris,	1	William Welsh,	13
George M. Wharton,	59	A. G. Coffin,	1
Thomas M. Pettit,	54		

Lay delegations voting, 61.		Necessary to a choice, 31.	
Rev. Geo. E. Hare, D.D.	36	John Welsh, jr.,	34
" Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	12	L. R. Ashhurst,	15
" Richard Newton,	12	Wm. Musgrave,	12
" R. U. Morgan, D.D.	1	J. S. Newbold,	12
George M. Wharton,	44	Wm. Welsh,	8
Thomas M. Pettit,	48	Arthur G. Coffin,	7

The Bishop thereupon announced, that Rev. Dr. G. E. Hare, of the Clergy, and Messrs. G. M. Wharton and Thomas M. Pettit of the Laity, had been elected members of the Standing Committee, and that there was one vacancy still to be filled. The Convention then proceeded with a further ballot.

The Tellers reported as follows:

Clerical votes, 72.

John Welsh, jr., - -	60	L. R. Ashhurst, - -	5
Wm. Welsh, - - -	5	F. R. Backus, - -	2

Lay delegations voting, 60.

John Welsh, jr., - -	55	L. R. Ashhurst, - -	2
Wm. Welsh, - - -	2	W. Musgrave, - -	1

The Bishop announced that John Welsh, Jun. had been duly elected the remaining member of the Standing Committee.

The Convention then, on motion, proceeded to choose Deputies to the General Convention—the Lay Tellers acting as before: and the Rev. Messrs. Coit, Newton, Lightner and Natt acting as Tellers for the Clergy.

The Tellers reported as follows: viz:

Clerical votes, 79.		Necessary to a choice, 40.	
Rev. Levi Bull, D.D. -	44	J. S. Richards, - -	32
" Edmund Neville, -	44	J. R. Ingersoll, - -	32
" Wm. Preston, -	40	Geo. M. Wharton, - -	35
" J. H. Fowles, -	39	Thomas Robins, - -	33
" Saml. Bowman, D.D.	37	Henry Reed, - - -	32
" R. U. Morgan, D.D.	34	Judge Hays, - - -	2
" H. J. Morton, D.D. -	33	L. R. Ashhurst, - -	3
" H.W. Ducachet, D.D.	29	H. Binney, jr., - -	2
" E. Y. Buchanan, -	3	R. Ralston, - - -	1
" Richard Newton, -	2	J. S. Smith, - - -	2
" Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	1	J. Peacock, - - -	1
" N. S. Harris, - -	1	Wm. Meredith, - -	1
J. N. Conyngham, - -	44	Geo. M. Stroud, - -	1
Herman Cope, - -	43	Judge Woodward, - -	1
Isaac Hazlehurst, - -	42		

Lay delegations voting, 63.		Necessary to a choice, 32.	
Rev. Levi Bull, D.D. -	34	Rev. H. J. Morton, D.D.	33
" Edmund Neville, -	32	" H.W. Ducachet, D.D.	26
" Wm. Preston, -	24	" E. Y. Buchanan, -	4
" J. H. Fowles, -	24	" Geo. Upfold, D.D. -	4
" S. Bowman, D.D. -	36	" Benjamin Dorr, D.D.	4
" R. U. Morgan, D.D.	29	" W. H. Odenheimer,	1

Lay delegations—Continued.

Rev. N. Stem,	1	Wm. M. Meredith,	4
J. N. Conyngham,	33	A. L. Hays,	3
Herman Cope,	33	J. S. Smith,	1
Isaac Hazlehurst,	25	Wm. Welsh,	1
J. S. Richards,	23	J. Peacock,	1
Jos. R. Ingersoll,	35	H. Binney, jr.,	1
Geo. M. Wharton,	32	Dr. West,	1
Thomas Robins,	31	J. S. Newbold,	1
Henry Reed,	27	J. Peacock,	1

The Bishop thereupon announced, that the Rev. Dr. Bull and the Rev. Mr. Neville of the Clergy, and Messrs. Herman Cope and John N. Conyngham of the Laity, had been duly elected Deputies to the General Convention ; and that no one of the other persons voted for had received the requisite majority.

It was then moved that the Convention adjourn until half past 8 o'clock in the evening—which motion was lost. The Convention then adjourned.

G. M. Wharton, Secretary.

Philadelphia, St. Andrew's Church.
Friday, May 21st, A. D. 1847. 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention assembled at the call of the Bishop—and was opened with appropriate collects. The Rolls of the Clergy and Laity were called, and the Minutes of yesterday P. M. read and approved. The Convention then proceeded to vote for the remaining Deputies to the General Convention. The Clerical Tellers acting as before—and Messrs. Stavely, Claghorn, Newbold and Pettibone acting as Tellers for the Laity.

The Tellers reported as follows: after a motion to reject the balloting for alleged informality, having been lost.

Clerical votes, 66.		Necessary to a choice, 34.	
Rev. Wm. Preston,	33	Rev. J. B. Clemson,	1
" J. H. Fowles,	32	" Richard Newton,	1
" S. Bowman, D.D.	30	" W. H. Odenheimer,	1
" H. J. Morton, D.D.	24	" George W. Natt,	1
" R. U. Morgan, D.D.	5	" H.W. Ducachet, D.D.	1

Clerical votes—Continued.

Isaac Hazlehurst, - -	36	J. S. Richards, - -	3
George Hogg, - -	32	J. Peacock, - - -	1
J. R. Ingersoll, - -	30	W. M. Meredith, - -	1
Geo. M. Wharton, - -	30	Henry Reed, - - -	1

Lay delegations voting, 53. Necessary to a choice, 27.

Rev. S. Bowman, D.D. -	30	J. R. Ingersoll, - -	32
" H. J. Morton, D.D. -	31	Geo. M. Wharton, - -	30
" Wm. Preston, - -	20	Isaac Hazlehurst, - -	22
" J. H. Fowles, - -	19	George Hogg, - -	18
" R. U. Morgan, D.D.	3	Herman Cope, - -	1
" N. Stem, - -	1	Thomas Robins, - -	1
" Richard Newton, -	1	John Welsh, jr., - -	1
" M. A. D'Wolf Howe,	1	W. M. Meredith, - -	1

The Bishop thereupon announced, that no one of the persons voted for had received the requisite majority of votes, and the Convention then, on motion, proceeded to another ballot. The Tellers acting as before—who reported as follows——

Clerical votes, 72. Necessary to a choice, 37.

Rev. Wm. Preston, -	37	Rev. R. Newton, - -	1
" S. Bowman, D.D. -	34	Isaac Hazlehurst, - -	37
" James H. Fowles, -	34	Jos. R. Ingersoll, - -	36
" H. J. Morton, D.D.	30	Geo. M. Wharton, - -	36
" R. U. Morgan, D.D.	1	George Hogg, - -	34
" Geo. Upfold, D.D. -	1	J. Peacock, - - -	1
" J. B. Clemson, -	1		

Lay delegations voting, 57. Necessary to a choice, 29.

Rev. S. Bowman, D.D. -	35	Jos. R. Ingersoll, - -	34
" H. J. Morton, D.D. -	33	Geo. M. Wharton, - -	33
" Wm. Preston, -	22	Isaac Hazlehurst, - -	23
" James H. Fowles, -	21	George Hogg, - -	21
" R. U. Morgan, D.D.	1	L. R. Ashhurst, - -	1
" N. Stem, - -	1	W. M. Meredith, - -	1
" M. A. D'Wolf Howe,	1		

The Bishop announced, that no one of the persons voted for, had received the requisite majority of votes. Whereupon, Mr. Stavely moved the appointment of a Committee of Conference on

nomination of suitable persons for the remaining Deputies—which motion was carried.

Mr. Ashhurst, seconded by the Rev. Mr. Brincklé, moved to reconsider the vote just taken—but subsequently withdrew his motion.

The Bishop appointed as the Committee (to consist of four clergymen and four laymen) Rev. Drs. Dorr and Bull and Rev. Messrs. Sheets and Neville, and Messrs. Baldy, Stroud, Stavely and Atlee.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Coleman, the Convention proceeded to the consideration of the Resolution attached to the Report of the Committee on the subject of requesting the Bishop to ordain Deacons under the 6th General Canon of 1844, when, on motion of Rev. Mr. Suddards, the further consideration of the Resolution was postponed until the meeting of the next General Convention.

Judge Lewis offered the following preamble and resolution, viz:—

Whereas, serious doubts are entertained by many members of the Church of this Diocese, in reference to the power of this Convention to change the Constitution so as to deny to the respective parishes already admitted to the privilege of representation, the right to send such deputies as they may choose to select—and whereas doubts are also entertained by some in regard to the effect of such alteration upon the titles to property acquired under the present Constitution,—and whereas it is believed that the peace and prosperity of the Church will be best promoted by preserving the rights of the parishes in this respect as they at present exist: Therefore,

Resolved, that the amendment to the fourth article proposed at the last Convention, as stated on page 42 of the Journal, be postponed indefinitely.

Rev. Dr. Bull moved the following as a substitute to the foregoing:—

Resolved, that the consideration of the proposed alteration to the 4th Article of the Constitution be postponed for the present, and that a Committee be appointed to take into consideration the whole of the Constitution, and to report thereon at the next Annual Convention.

Rev. Dr. Bull subsequently, by consent of the House withdrew his Resolution.

The question then came up on Judge Lewis's resolution, when, after discussion, a vote was called for by orders.

The Rev. Mr. Suddards moved to amend the Preamble and Resolution by striking out the Preamble—and also by adding to the Resolution, as follows—

Resolved, that the vestries of the Churches in the Diocese be earnestly requested, whenever practicable, to send communicants as Deputies to the Convention.

A division of the question being called for, a vote was taken upon the striking out of the Preamble, and the same was stricken out. The Rev. Mr. Suddards then withdrew the remaining part of his amendment.

The Rev. Dr. Ducachet moved further to amend by striking out the word "indefinitely."

The subject before the House was then laid aside temporarily, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee on Conference, which was presented by the Rev. Dr. Dorr, as follows:—

The Committee of Conference after deliberate consultation, agree to recommend the following gentlemen as delegates to the General Convention; of the Clergy, the Rev. Dr. Bowman and the Rev. Dr. Morton, and of the Laity, William M. Meredith and William Welsh. B. Dorr, Chairman.

The Convention then, adjourned.

G. M. Wharton, Secretary.

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5 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention re-assembled—the Roll of the Clergy was called—the calling of the Roll of Lay Deputies was dispensed with. The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The Convention then, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Hoffman, took up for further consideration, the Resolution offered by Judge Lewis, and the amendment thereto proposed by Rev. Dr. Ducachet, when, after some discussion, the mover of the resolution accepted with consent of the House, the amendment proposed.

The question being taken by orders on the Resolution to postpone the proposed amendment to the Constitution, the vote stood as follows—

Ayes.

Rev. Frederick W. Beasley,
" Saml. Bowman, D.D.,
" William J. Clark,
" William C. Cooley,
" Samuel Cowell,
" Robert Davis,
" Benjamin Dorr, D.D.,
" Heman Dyer, D.D.,
" George G. Field,
" C. H. Foster,
" Henry T. Hiester,
" William Hilton,
" John W. Hoffman,
" George P. Hopkins,
" Freeman Lane,
" John Long,
" Milton C. Lightner,
" Samuel T. Lord,
Rev. Edwin Mendenhall,
" Tobias H. Michell, M.D.
" Richard U. Morgan, D.D.
" George W. Natt,
" Edmund Neville,
" Richard Newton,
" Azariah Prior,
" John Rodney,
" Peter Russell,
" George Sheets,
" Richard Smith,
" Henry Tullidge,
" George Upfold, D.D.
" William White,
" Enos Woodward,
" W. H. Woodward,
" Thomas C. Yarnall,
Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D.

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Noes.

Rev. T. G. Allen,
" Breed Batcheller,
" William H. Bourns,
" George Boyd, D.D.
" Samuel C. Brinckle,
" Edward Y. Buchanan,
" Levi Bull, D.D.
" Jehu C. Clay, D.D.
" John B. Clemson,
" J. Howland Coit,
" John Coleman, D.D.
" Asa S. Colton,
" William N. Diehl,
" Jacob M. Douglass,
Rev. George C. Drake,
" H. W. Ducachet, D.D.
" Geo. E. Durborow,
" J. H. Fowles,
" Anson G. Hard,
" G. Emlen Hare, D.D.
" Samuel Hazlehurst,
" Marmaduke Hirst,
" Benjamin S. Huntington,
" John J. Kerr,
" Edmund Leaf,
" John Gordon Maxwell,
" George Mintzer,
" Henry J. Morton, D.D.

Noes.

Rev. Wm. H. Odenheimer,	Rev. Nathan Stem,
" Frederick Ogilby,	" K. J. Stewart,
" William S. Perkins,	" William Suddards,
" Thomas H. Quinan,	" Peter Van Pelt,
" Greenbury W. Ridgely,	" John A. Vaughan, D.D.
" Owen Evans Shannon,	" Christian Wiltberger. 40

Ayes.

Christ church, Reading,	Christ church, Philadelphia,
St. Thomas' ch. Morgantown,	St. Peter's church, "
Trinity church, Centreville,	St. James' church, "
St. Mark's ch. Mauch Chunk,	St. Paul's church, "
St. John's church, Bellefonte,	St. Stephen's ch., "
St. Mary's ch. Warwick to'p.	Ch. of the Ascension, Phila.,
St. John's church, Pequea,	St. Luke's church, Phila.,
St. Paul's ch. W. Whiteland t'p	All Saints' ch. Moyamensing,
St. Mark's ch. Honeybrook,	Gloria Dei ch. Southwark,
St. John's church, Carlisle,	St. Philip's church, S. Garden,
Calvary church, Rockdale,	Ch. of the Redemption, S. G.
St. James' church, Lancaster,	St. James' ch. Kingsessing,
All Saints' church, Paradise,	St. James the Less ch. North
Bangor ch. Caernarvon to'sp.	Penn township,
Churchtown,	All Saints' ch. L. Dublin, to'p.
St. Stephen's ch. Wilkesbarre,	St. Mark's church, Frankford,
St. James' church, Muncy,	St. David's ch. Manayunk.
Trinity church, Easton,	St. James' ch. Sch'l Haven. 33

Noes.

Christ church, Allegheny,	Grace church, Philadelphia,
St. Gabriel's, Morlattin,	Ch. of the Epiphany, Phila.,
St. John's ch. N. London t'p.	St. John's ch. N. Liberties,
St. Andrew's ch. W. Vincent,	Advent church, N. Liberties,
Christ church, Danville,	Trinity church, Southwark,
St. Stephen's ch. Harrisburg,	Church of the Nativity, S. G.
St. Thomas' ch., Whitemarsh	St. Matthew's ch, Francisville,
township,	St. Luke's ch. Germantown,
St. James' ch. Perkiomen t'p.	Emanuel ch. Kensington,
St. John's ch. Norristown,	St. Mary's ch. West Philada.
St. Andrew's ch. Philada.,	20

Christ church, Pottstown, *divided.*

So the motion to postpone was lost.

The question then was taken on the amendment proposed to the 4th Article of the Constitution at the last Convention, the two orders voting thereon separately, and the proposition for amendment was not approved, the vote being as follows:

Ayes.

Rev. T. G. Allen,
" Breed Batcheller,
" William H. Bourns,
" Samuel C. Brinckle,
" Edward Y. Buchanan,
" Levi Bull, D. D.
" John C. Clay, D. D.
" John B. Clemson,
" J. Howland Coit,
" John Coleman, D. D.
" Asa S. Colton,
" Samuel Cowell,
" William N. Diehl,
" Jacob M. Douglass,
" George C. Drake,
" H. W. Ducachet, D. D.
" Geo. E. Durborow,
" C. A. Foster,
" J. H. Fowles,
" Anson G. Hard,
" G. Emlen Hare, D. D.
" Samuel Hazelhurst,
" John W. Hoffman,
Rev. Marmaduke Hirst,
" Benjamin S. Huntington,
" John J. Kerr,
" Edmund Leaf,
" Milton C. Lightner,
" John Gordon Maxwell,
" George Mintzer,
" Richard U. Morgan, D.D.
" Henry J. Morton, D.D.
" Edmund Neville,
" William H. Odenheimer,
" Frederick Ogilby,
" William S. Perkins,
" Greenbury W. Ridgely,
" Owen Evans Shannon,
" Nathan Stem,
" K. J. Stewart,
" William Suddards,
" Henry Tullidge,
" Peter Van Pelt,
" John A. Vaughan, D.D.
" Christian Wiltberger,

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Noes.

Rev. Frederick W. Beasley,
" Samuel Bowman, D. D.
" William J. Clark,
" William C. Cooley,
" Robert Davis,
" Benjamin Dorr, D. D.
Rev. Heman Dyer, D. D.
" George G. Field,
" Henry T. Hiester,
" William Hilton,
" George P. Hopkins,
" Freeman Lane,

Noes.

Rev. John Long,
" Samuel T. Lord,
" Edwin Mendenhall,
" Tobias H. Michell, M. D.
" George W. Natt,
" Richard Newton,
" Azariah Prior,
" John Rodney,
" Peter Russell,
Rev. George Sheets,
" Richard Smith,
" George Upfold, D. D.
" William White,
" Enos Woodward,
" W. H. Woodward,
" Thomas C. Yarnall.
Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D.

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Ayes.

St. Andrew's ch., Pittsburg,
St. Gabriel's ch., Morlattin,
Christ church, Reading.
St. Thomas' ch., Morgantown,
St. John's ch. N. London to'p,
Christ church, Danville,
St. Stephen's ch., Harrisburg,
St. Thomas' ch., Whitemarsh to.
St. James ch., Perkiomen to'p.
St. John's church, Norristown,
St. Andrew's ch. Philadelphia,
Grace church, Philadelphia,
Church of the Epiphany, Phil.
St. John's ch, N. Liberties,
Trinity church, Southwark,
Ch. of the Nativity, S. Garden,
St. Matthew's ch. Francisville,
Emanuel church, Kensington,

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Noes.

Trinity church, Centreville,
St. Mark's ch., Mauch Chunk.
St. John's church, Bellefonte,
St. Mary's ch., Warwick to'p.
St. John's church, Pequea,
St. Paul's ch., W. Whiteland t'p
St. Mark's ch., Honeybrook,
St. John's church, Carlisle,
Calvary church, Rockdale,
St. James' church, Lancaster,
Bangor ch. Caernarvon t'nship.
Churchtown,
All Saints' Church, Paradise,
St. Stephen's ch., Wilkesbarre,
St. James' church, Muncy,
Christ church, Pottstown,
Trinity church, Easton.
Christ church, Philadelphia,
St. Peter's ch., Philadelphia,
St. James' ch., Philadelphia,
St. Paul's ch., Philadelphia,
St. Stephen's ch. Philadelphia,
Church of the Ascen., "
St. Luke's ch., Philadelphia,
Advent ch. Northern Liberties,
All Saints' ch., Moyamensing,
Gloria Dei church, Southwark,
Ch. of the Redemption, S. G.

Noes.

St. James' ch., Kingsessing, St. Mark's church, Frankford,
St. James the Less'ch. N. Penn Township, St. Mary's ch, W. Philadelphia
St. David's ch., Manayunk,
All Saints' ch. L. Dublin to'p. St. James' ch. Schuy'l Haven.
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Divided.

St. Philip's ch. Spring Garden, St. Luke's ch., Germantown,
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*The Bishop preparatory to announcing his vote, asked permission to state some of the reasons which would lead him to record it in the negative. He had last year voted in the affirmative, wishing thereby to testify his cordial approbation of the *end* proposed to be attained by the amendments under consideration; but not intending to commit himself as to the *means* which, after mature reflection, he might judge to be the best for reaching that end. He considered it unspeakably desirable that our Conventions should be composed of serious minded and exemplary persons, whose lives would bring no reproach on the Church; and in the absence of all effective discipline over non-communicants, the Bishop did not doubt that their holding seats in the Convention might be, at times, the occasion of reproach and evil. He would therefore have Bishop, Clergy, and Laity, keep steadily in view, as a great desideratum, such a composition of this body as would make it outwardly at least a body of christian men, honouring the Sacraments, and not acting as if they were ashamed of Christ and his gospel.

So much for the *end* to be sought. In respect to the best *means* for attaining that end, the wisest and most conscientious men might differ. For himself, he regarded changes in the constitution of any government, as involving results so serious, and so difficult to be foreseen, that he should be willing to venture on them only after the gravest deliberation, and upon the clearest prospect of material advantages not to be gained by means less radical. In the absence of such a prospect, he thought that a *doubt* in regard either to the right or the expediency

* See post of this Journal.

of a proposed change, ought, if it be the result of sincere and diligent inquiry, to decide our minds against it, at least for the present.

In the present case, the immediate adoption of the proposed amendment would work the exclusion of non-communicants from the floor of the Convention; but more intimate acquaintance with the state of the Diocese had led him to conclude, that the same end was likely to be attained, soon, by means less stringent, and in a manner more consonant with the genius of the Church, and with the welfare of some of our parishes. There was abroad, he thought, a moral sentiment, which recognized more and more clearly the incongruity of clothing those with the highest powers of legislation in the Church, who disregard some of the most solemn of the Church's claims,—and that sentiment was fast working the change desired. In the meantime, the sudden and peremptory exclusion of non-communicants would leave some parishes, especially in remote parts of the Diocese, without any representation; it would cast out of the Convention, several of its estimable and exemplary members, who had served it long and well, and who had been generous benefactors of the Church; it might introduce an apple of discord into congregations now at peace, and impair the proper influence of pastors over many non-communicants, especially over those who are kept from the Holy Table rather by pious scruples than by indifference to Christ's ordinance. Under such circumstances, he could not regard an *immediate* change of the constitution as the best means of promoting the end in view, and should in consequence feel obliged to record his vote against it. At the same time, he could not but hope, that the time was approaching when such a change would be demanded by the almost unanimous voice of the Diocese, and could be made therefore without harm or inconvenience.

The Rev. Mr. Hoffman offered the following as a proposition for amendment to the 2d clause of Article 7th of the Constitution, viz:

And a majority of such Clergymen as may be entitled to seats, and of the lay representations of the parishes entitled to representation in the Convention, shall be a quorum, and on every

question the votes of a majority, a quorum being present, or, if required by five, the votes of a majority of both orders, a quorum likewise being present.

Mr. Wright moved the following as an amendment to the Resolution of the Rev. Mr. Hoffman, viz: To strike out all after the word, "Resolved" and insert—the following—

That the 6th Article of the Constitution be amended as follows —at the end of the second line of the second paragraph add the words "quorum of," which will then read as follows:

"All officers and committees appointed by ballot must, in order to their election, receive the votes of a majority of the" quorum of "clerical members and of the lay representations."

Add the following proviso at the end of the paragraph, on 12th page, Ed. 1844. "Provided that a quorum shall consist of a majority of the Clerical members, and of the lay representations, which shall have appeared and been admitted to seats,—and that any thing in the Constitution and Canons which conflicts with this definition of a quorum be, and is hereby repealed and abrogated."

Mr. James S. Smith moved to refer the foregoing proposed amendments to a Committee, to report thereon at the next Convention, and also to inquire and report whether any, and if so, what other proposed amendments to the Constitution, it may be expedient to submit to the consideration of the Convention. The motion prevailed, and the Committee was directed to consist of four of each order.

On motion, the Bishop was unanimously added to the Committee, and he subsequently appointed the following persons, to constitute the Committee, viz:

Dr. Bull,	J. S. Smith,
Dr. Morgan,	G. M. Stroud,
Dr. Vaughan,	Ellis Lewis,
Dr. Dorr,	John S. Richards.

The Convention then took up the report of the Committee of Conference, which was again read, and the House proceeded to another ballot, for the remaining Delegates to the General Convention, the Tellers acting as before—who reported—

Clerical votes, 69. Necessary to a choice, 35.

Rev. Dr. Bowman,	49	Jos. R. Ingersoll,	50
" " Morton,	37	Wm. Welsh,	38
" Mr. Howe,	27	G. M. Wharton,	25
" " Fowles,	10	W. M. Meredith,	14
" " Preston,	7	J. Hazlehurst,	4
" " Clemson,	1	G. Hogg,	3
" " Buchanan,	1	J. Peacock,	1
" Dr. Upfold,	1	J. S. Richards,	1
" " Morgan,	1		

Lay delegations voting, 52. Necessary to a choice, 27.

Rev. Dr. Bowman,	45	Jos. R. Ingersoll,	35
" " Morton,	39	G. M. Wharton,	28
" Mr. Howe,	11	Wm. Welsh,	22
" " Fowles,	5	W. M. Meredith,	15
" " Newton,	1	J. Hazlehurst,	2
" Dr. Morgan,	1	J. S. Richards,	1
" Mr. Stem,	1	H. Reed,	1

The Chair announced, that the Rev. Drs. Bowman and Morton, of the Clergy, and Mr. Jos. R. Ingersoll, of the Laity, had received the requisite majority of votes—and they were accordingly declared to be duly elected Deputies to the General Convention. The Convention then proceeded to vote for the remaining Lay Deputy, the same Tellers acting—who reported—

Clerical votes, 65. Necessary to a choice.

W. Welsh,	36	G. M. Wharton,	31

Lay delegations voting, 47. Necessary to a choice, 24.

W. Welsh,	21	G. M. Wharton,	26

There being no choice, the Convention proceeded to another ballot—the same Tellers acting.

The Bishop announced the following, as the Committee on the state of the Church, under the 17th Diocesan Canon, viz: Rev. Mr. Suddards, Rev. Dr. Dorr, Rev. Mr. Newton, Messrs. J. S. Newbold and Hoskins.

The Tellers being prepared to report, made report, that there had been 65 Clerical votes, and 46 Lay votes, polled, and that Geo. M. Wharton had received of the votes of the Clergy, 34 votes; and of the votes of the Lay Representations, 27 votes; and that Wm. Welsh had received 31 Clerical votes, and 19

votes of the Lay Representations. The Chair thereupon declared that George M. Wharton, having received the requisite majority of votes, was duly elected a Deputy to the General Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Ogilby, from the Committee upon the subject of Trustees of the General Theological Seminary, made report as follows:

The Committee on the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary beg leave to report, that this Diocese is entitled to nominate twenty-two Trustees.

The present Trustees are Drs. Dorr, Upfold, Ducachet, Boyd, Morton and Morgan, the Rev. Messrs. Rodney, Bull, Buchanan, Spear, and Odenheimer, and Messrs. John Reed, J. S. Smith, Benjamin Stiles, G. M. Wharton, Horace Binney, Jr., Herman Cope, L. R. Ashhurst, A. L. Hays, and Wm. Welsh.

The Rev. Mr. Spear and Mr. John Reed, have vacated their office by removal from the Diocese, so that there are four vacancies to be supplied.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Fred. Ogilby,
Richd. Newton,
Lewis R. Ashhurst.

And he thereupon moved, that the Bishop be requested to nominate four persons to fill the said vacancies—which motion being carried—the Bishop nominated the Rev. Messrs. Howe, Suddards, and Ogilby, and Mr. Robert Ralston—which nomination was approved by the Convention. Whereupon it was Resolved, that the foregoing 22 persons be nominated to the General Convention, as Trustees for this Diocese, of the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Mr. Bourns moved the following Resolution,

That a Committee be appointed to inquire and report at next Annual Convention, whether it would not be expedient to alter the 9th Canon of the Church in this Diocese, as to the election of Standing Committee, so as to make it necessary to elect only two Clerical members, and two Lay members of that body every year.

Which, on motion of Mr. Newbold, was referred to the Committee on proposed alterations of the Constitution.

The Rev. Mr. Ridgely moved, that the Bishop be requested to present in writing his reasons, which he gave as accompanying and explanatory of his vote, on the proposed amendment to the 4th article of the Constitution, and that the same be entered on the Journal, which was carried.

The Report of the Trustees of the Christmas Fund, was read and ordered to be printed with the Journal, (See Appendix.) On motion, the former Trustees, viz: Messrs. Wm. H. Newbold, Moses Kempton, Robert Toland and John Welsh, Jr., were re-elected.

It was, on motion of the Secretary, Resolved, that the next Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese, be held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, on the 3d Tuesday of May, A. D. 1848, at 5 o'clock, P. M.—two amendments to strike out St. Andrew's, Philadelphia, and insert St. Stephen's, Harrisburg, and St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre, having been severally proposed by the Rev. Mr. Ridgely and Mr. H. B. Wright, and lost. It was also, Resolved, that the Secretary cause 500 copies of the Journal to be printed.

The names of the Clergy absent at the last Convention were called over by the Secretary, and certain of them presented their excuses for absence.

The Clergy were also called upon by the Secretary, in obedience to the 4th Revised Regulation, in order to ascertain if collections had been made during the past year, in their several Churches, in aid of the Convention Fund—when it appeared, from answers given at the time, that collections had been made by the following Clergymen, viz:—

Rev. Frederick W. Beasley,	Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D. D.
" William H. Bourns,	" George C. Drake,
" Samuel Bowman, D. D.	" H. W. Ducachet, D. D.
" Samuel C. Brinckle,	" C. A. Foster,
" Edward Y. Buchanan,	" Anson G. Hard,
" Levi Bull, D. D.	" John W. Hoffman,
" William J. Clark,	" Marmaduke Hirst,
" John C. Clay, D. D.	" George Kirke,
" John Coleman, D. D.	" Freeman Lane,
" William C. Cooley,	" Edmund Leaf,
" William N. Diehl,	" John Long,

Rev. Milton C. Lightner,	Rev. Owen Evans Shannon,
" Samuel T. Lord,	" George Sheets,
" Tobias H. Michell, M. D.	" Nathan Stem,
" Richard U. Morgan, D.D.	" William Suddards,
" Henry J. Morton, D.D.	" Henry Tullidge,
" George W. Natt,	" William White,
" Richard Newton,	" Christian Wiltberger,
" William H. Odenheimer,	" Enos Woodward,
" Frederick Ogilby,	" W. H. Woodward,
" Peter Russell,	" Thomas C. Yarnall.

The minutes were then read by the Secretary, preparatory to adjournment, and approved—when the Bishop delivered a brief, earnest and affectionate address to the members, who, at the close united with him in singing the four last verses of the 99th Psalm of the Selection, with the Doxology—and thereupon, after prayers offered by the Bishop, and after his benediction, the Convention adjourned sine die.

G. M. Wharton, Secretary.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Report of the Rev. Joseph Adderly, Missionary at St. Michael's Church, Armstrong County, St. Ann's Church, Redbank, Clarion County, and Johnstown, Cambria County.

St. Michael's Church.

Congregation, families, 26; baptisms, infants, 9; confirmed, 15; communicants added, 1; present number, 60; marriages, 1; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 34; other days, 8; total, 42; children catechised monthly; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 25; collections, Society for Advancement of Christianity, $2 00; for the relief of Ireland, $8 00; parochial purposes, $3 00; total, $13 00.

St. Ann's Church.

Congregation, families, 10; baptisms, infants, 3; communicants, present number, 26; public services, on Sundays, 12; other days, 5; total, 17; Holy Eucharist administered, times, 4; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 36; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $2 00. I have not as yet made the collection for the Episcopal fund, but will forward it as soon as possible.

At Johnstown, I have held twenty-four public services, baptized six children, and administered the Holy Sacrament three times. This congregation is small, having no suitable place in which to hold the services of the Church.

I have also officiated once at Lawrenceburg, in Clarion co.

I made an effort this spring to obtain a house in Wayne township, as the Advancement Society made an objection to my residing in Blairsville, but was unable to obtain one. It is my intention to remove there as soon as I can obtain a dwelling-house. The Society cannot fully know the difficulties that some of the Missionaries have to encounter in these Western parishes, or they would not, I am well satisfied, decrease, but would, if possible, increase their salaries.

I have travelled this last conventional year in the discharge of my missionary duties, two thousand five hundred miles.

In addition to the above services, I have performed two marriages in Blairsville.

Report of the Rev. Thomas G. Allen.

I continue acting in the capacity of a city missionary. My appointment has been renewed by the Committee of Missions of the Advancement Society of this Diocese.

During the year, up to this date, I have officiated, or assisted in the services of the Church on 13 occasions, when I have not lectured or preached. I have administered, or assisted in the administration of the Lord's Supper on 12 occasions. I have baptized 80 persons. In preaching, lecturing, &c., I have officiated on 225 occasions. I have married 26 couple. I have officiated on 70 funeral occasions.

During the year up to March 12th, my pastoral visits have been 1293;—1276 of them to the sick, afflicted, &c. On each of these occasions I endeavour to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and engage in prayer. There have been distributed 3 Bibles and 2 New Testaments, 7 Prayer Books, and 65,900 pages of tracts, in which is included 36,700 pages of the tract, Morning and Evening Prayers for Children and Youth, &c.

My monthly appointment at the Widow's Asylum; also my weekly appointment in the Magdalen Asylum, and at my own house are continued. My monthly appointment in the Wills Hospital I resigned into the charge of Rev. Mr. Spear, who occupied the Chapel with reference to the organization of a new Church.

The Lord still adds his blessing to my imperfect efforts, and to *Him* be all the praise and glory forever. Amen.

Report of the Rev. F. W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' Church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia County, and of Christ Church, Oak Grove, Bucks County.

Baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 10, total, 15; communicants added, 12; died, 2; removed, 2; present number, 50; public services, every Sunday morning at All Saints' church; every Sunday afternoon at the Chapel at Oak Grove. We have service every Thursday afternoon, for about seven months in the year at

the Chapel; and during Lent, one service every Wednesday afternoon at All Saints' Church, except on Ash-Wednesday and Good Friday, when we have the Church opened for the Morning Service. For a long time I have had service every third Thursday at Mechanicksville. I have also held service, twice at a house near the mouth of the Poquestion Creek—once at a house in Andalusia—and once at a private residence on the Academy Lane, a road leading from the Bristol turnpike to Bustleton. I have also been endeavouring to make arrangements to have service at two destitute places, the one seven, the other eleven miles from my residence, and hope for success in the attempt.

Three persons were confirmed in April, in the Chapel. Sunday schools, 2; one at All Saints', which is open during the whole year, the other at Oak Grove. The children are catechised every month at All Saints' Church. At that time they are also addresed by the Rector.

Collections during the year; at All Saints', for Sunday school, $3 75; on another occasion for the same object, 6 50; Christmas collection for fund for disabled Clergymen, 8 42; at All Saints' and Oak Grove, for Episcopal fund, 8 76; for sufferers in Ireland and Scotland, 20 57; for Convention fund, 5 07; All Saints' Missionary Society, 26 50; Sunday school children at All Saints' Church, for Sunday school in Wisconsin, 5 00; gift for Missions from a pew-holder in All Saints' Church, 5 00; Total, 89 59.

Report of the Rev. William H. Bourns, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, Philadelphia County.

Congregation, families, about 45; individuals, about 150; baptisms, adult, 1; infants, 8; total, 9; communicants added, 2; died or removed, 11; present number, 52; marriages, 3; burials, 8; public services, on Sundays, 105; other days, 74; total, 179; children catechised, 12; times, 8; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 49; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 46; total, schools, 2; teachers, 11; pupils, 95; Bible class, 1; members, 10; collections, Episcopal fund, $7 00; Convention fund, 4 00; Advancement Society, 40 00; Domestic Missions, 38 50; Foreign, 10 35; Jews, 3; distressed Scots and Irish,

22 00; Sunday school, 24 00; offertory at Communion, (including 5 25 to Christmas fund,) 50 44; total, 199 29.

The project of rebuilding the Church, mentioned in last year's report, has been postponed, the liberality of a few subscribers not having been met by corresponding zeal on the part of the parishioners at large: and that apparently, from an impression that the present edifice is sufficient for the wants of the congregation. In consequence, the Sunday school accommodation remains as inadequate as heretofore.

At present, the ladies of the parish are preparing to hold a fair, towards raising a fund to procure a parsonage house.

The Sunday school which was formed in July, 1844, at the Pennepack Print Works, about a mile from Holmesburg, continued in operation till last autumn, when it ceased, chiefly on account of the failure in health of the lady who had, with much self-denying zeal superintended it, and whose place could not be supplied.

As to the sums of money mentioned in the above report, it should be noted that the annual collection for the Episcopal and Convention funds, is generally made on the Sunday next before the meeting of the Convention, so that strictly speaking, the amount contributed in May, 1846, and reported at that time, ought to be here stated, instead of that now set down.

Report of the Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, Rector of All Saints' Church, Paradise, Lancaster county, and Christ Church, Leacock.

All Saints' Church, Paradise.

Congregation, families and parts of families, 38; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 18; total, 20; confirmed, 8; communicants added, 14; died, 1; removed, 3; present number, 56; marriages, 6; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 51; other days, 17; total, 68; children catechised, about 35; times, many; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 15; pupils, 125; collections, Episcopal fund, $6 00; Parish Library, 27 00; Missions, 15 00; relief of the Irish, 45 00; Convention fund, 7 50; debts of the Church, 393 75; other purposes, 48 00; total, 532 25.

On Tuesday, the 16th day of June, 1846, this parish, as well as the Diocese at large, met with a sad affliction in the death of one of its Wardens, and its chief benefactor, Redmond Conyng-

ham, Esq. Our loss however has not been a *total* one: for by means of his triumphant death, as well as his previous exemplary life, he continues to do us good. By them both—the serenity, happiness and joy of the one, well befitting the liberality, disinterestedness and piety of the other, "he being dead, yet speaketh."

During the last summer, as will be perceived by the statistics given above, the congregation contributed a handsome sum towards the extinction of our remaining Church debt, which is now but small.

Since the last Convention, a respectable commencement has been made towards the establishment of a good Parish Library.

The Ladies' Sewing Society, which, in a quiet unostentatious way, has been so useful to the Church, still continues its labours of love.

Considering all things, the parish is decidedly in an encouraging situation.

CHRIST CHURCH, LEACOCK.

Congregation, families and parts of families, 40; baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 13; total, 18; confirmed, 12; communicants added, 5; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 40; marriages, 2; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 34: other days, 5; total, 39; children catechised, about 25; times many; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 40; collections, Advancement Society, $5 00; Missions, 10 00; relief of Irish, 12 00; other purposes, 13 00; total, 40 00.

This parish, as may be inferred from the above statistics, is in a more encouraging state than it has been for some time.

Of the persons confirmed, however, some were from without the congregation: which circumstance, together with the fact, that, since the confirmation we have had but *one* communion, when the weather and roads were unfavourable, will account, in a good measure, for the great difference between the number of persons confirmed, and that of additions to the communion.

Report of the Rev. George Boyd, Rector of St. John's Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia County.

The condition of this parish does not differ materially, from what it was, at the time of the last Convention.

The primitive order of devotional "offerings" made "unto the Lord," for the use of his House, at the same time that prayer is offered by his people, commends itself more and more to the minds and hearts of those who have faith to follow it; while to others, it is in some instances an offence, or a matter of indifference. The experience of this Church for the last ten years goes to prove how exceedingly difficult it is, in the present day, to persuade Christians to act with a single eye to the law of Christ, and the glory of God; in opposition and in continued conflicts with the impetuous course of this world. No one can possibly conceive, who has not had some experience in the matter, how generally other influences operate within the Church, than those by which it should, at all times be governed. Our confidence in the principles, according to which the change has been effected from the *commercial*, to the *apostolic* system of finance, remains undiminished. We have no doubt that we are working according to the mind of the Lord in this matter: and still put our trust in him, that he will bring our fondest wishes to pass.

There have been only *eleven* persons added to the Communion of the Church, during the past Conventional year. *Thirteen* baptisms, one adult, the remainder infants: and *six* marriages.

The Sunday Schools, and the Infant school, continue to be conducted, with much zeal and persevering self-denial, by their respective superintendents and teachers. The number of scholars does not differ materially from what was reported last year.

Report of Rev. B. Batcheller, Radnor Church, Delaware County.

Congregation, families, 65; baptisms, adults, 2; children, 4; total, 6. None confirmed; there having been no Diocesan visitation for that purpose. Communicants added, 3; marriages, 6; burials, 7; Public services on Sundays, 116; Collections, Episcopal fund, $3 14; Convention fund, $2 98; Irish Relief, $19 50; for other purposes, $76 65; total, $102 17.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, Rector of St. James' Church, Lancaster, Lancaster County.

Marriages, 9; baptisms, infants, 22; confirmations, 11; communicants, 137; funerals, 11; Sunday schools, male, 1;

teachers, 7; pupils, 36; female, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 48; infant, 1; teachers, 1; pupils, 68; total, 3 schools, 17 teachers, and 152 pupils; Bible classes, male, 1; pupils, 8; female, 1; pupils 7; public services on Sundays, 104; other days, 37; total, 141; Children catechised monthly. Collections, Convention fund, $15 40; Christmas fund, $20 06; Bible fund, $17 90; Bishop's fund, $25 70; Soc. for Adv. of Christianity, $13 78; monthly offerings, $124 47; Sunday schools, for missions, $16 57; total, $234 88.

Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, Rector of St. Mary's Church, Chester county, and St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, Berks Co.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, CHESTER COUNTY.

Baptisms, 7; marriages, 4; communicants, 55; Services, once every Lord's day; occasional services, about ten times; funerals not known; collections for the Episcopal fund, Convention fund, and for missionary, and other purposes.

Sunday school, 1, during summer; about 12 teachers, and 50 scholars; catechism recited, and remarks made by the Rector, on alternate Sundays.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, MORGANTOWN, BERKS COUNTY.

Baptisms, 3; communicants, 65; Services every Lord's day; occasional services, 8; funerals not known; collections for the Episcopal fund, Convention fund, for missionary, and for other purposes.

Sunday school, 1; teachers, 10; scholars, 40; catechism recited on alternate Sundays, and remarks made by the Rector.

Report of the Rev. Samuel C. Brinckle, Rector of St. James's Church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia Co.

Congregation, families, about 50; baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 5; total, 8; communicants added, 2; died or removed, 3; present number, 37; marriages, 9; burials, 10; public services on Sundays, 85; other days, 13; total, 98; children catechised several times; Sunday schools, 2; teachers, 7; pupils, 50; Collections, Episcopal fund, $5; Convention, $5; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 6 53; for Domestic and Foreign Mission Societies, 68 10; other purposes, 83 35; total, $167 98.

Within the past year our church has been fitted up for evening service. Our small band of ladies are still active in their good work.

Report of the Rev. James Bonnar.

The undersigned reports to the Bishop of Pennsylvania, that he continues Principal of "St. James' Grammar School," in this city. That since his last report, he has, on various occasions, assisted the Rector of St. James' and other clergymen. That he has solemnized *one marriage*, and attended to the funeral of one child.

Report of the Rev. John Coleman, Rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia County.

Congregation, families, 205; adults, 630; children, 370; total, 1,000; baptisms, adults, 9; infants, 59; total, 68; confirmed, 16; communicants, last reported, 394; died, 6; removed, 11; added, 24; present number, 401; marriages, 24; burials, 33; public services, (since November 22, 1846, when the church was re-opened,) on Sundays, 56; other days, 41; total, 97; children, catechised monthly, "openly in the church;" Sunday schools, male 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 107; female, 2; teachers, 30; pupils, 256; total schools, 3; teachers, 44; pupils, 363; Bible class, 1; members, 18.

This church was re-opened with appropriate services by the Bishop, on Sunday, November 22, 1846; having been closed since the 26th April, preceding; during which it was enlarged and materially improved, at a cost of $7,500, including $1,500 for a new organ. During the suspension of public services in the parish, the Rector preached elsewhere 34 times.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, Rector of Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

This parish, notwithstanding the hindrances from deaths, removals, and false prejudices, is blessed by a steady growth and prosperity. Sound churchmanship and evangelical truth and zeal combined with unity of purpose and spirit, distinguish the members. The church has for some weeks been in the process of repair and improvement, the completion of which is expected by Trinity Sunday. The parish derives importance and

advantage from the several boarding schools in the vicinity; especially from those under Episcopal auspices. Mr. Bolmar's, which is hardly equalled in its merits, enjoys extensive and increasing patronage, and Miss Evans, whose school is most worthy of confidence, has opened with encouraging prospects.

Baptisms, infants, 3; adults, 3; confirmed, 5; communicants added, 6; removed, 6; died, 2; whole number, 41; marriages, 5; burials, 5; collections for domestic missions $20; foreign missions, 34; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, 7 25; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, S 36; missions in Chester county, 10 00; alms, 29 88.

Report of Rev. J. C. Clay, Rector of Gloria Dei Church, Southwark, Philadelphia County.

Number of families, 155; baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 82; total, 87; confirmed, 7; communicants added, 12; died or removed, 11; present number, 155; marriages, 55; burials, 18. The public services on Sundays and other days have not been so numerous as in other years, owing to the closing of the church from August to December, for the purpose of alterations and improvements. The stated services in the church are two every Sunday, and one on every holy day in the year; besides a Wednesday evening service from September to May, and during the same time a third service on Sunday once a month, for the public catechising of the children. The Sunday schools are two, one male, with 9 teachers, and 90 children; one female, with 13 teachers and 120 children; total, 22 teachers, and 210 pupils. There is one Bible class, with 7 members. The collections for missionary purposes have been $300; of which $235 were for the Swedish mission in Wisconsin, and the balance for miscellaneous purposes. The Sunday schools contributed $30 of the sum. There have been raised for other purposes $280.

Since the last meeting of the Convention this ancient church has been greatly altered and improved; a gallery has been added to it that will seat 128 persons, besides about 150 children, thus increasing the church accommodation more than one-third. The chancel has been enlarged, and a new pulpit placed in it of an octagon shape, and corresponding with the architec-

ture of the church. Behind the pulpit is a stained glass window with appropriate emblems. Other important improvements have been made; the whole well repaying the congregation, in accommodation and beauty, the pecuniary expenditure necessary to their attainment. The whole cost was $2500.

Report of the Rev. William M. Carmichael, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Meadville, Crawford county, Pa.

Congregation, families, 50; adults, 130; children, 100; total, 230; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 11; total, 12; communicants added, 2; died or removed, 3; present number, 70; burials, 2; public services on Sundays, 74; other days, 20; total, 94; since the middle of August, when the duties of the parish were assumed; children catechised seven times, 4 in the church, 3 in the Sunday school. Sunday schools, 1; male teachers, 5; pupils, 45; female teachers, 11; pupils, 55; total teachers, 16; pupils, 100. Collections for the Christmas fund, $8 06.

Report of the Rev. R. B. Claxton, Chaplain of the Diocesan Boarding School for Boys, at West Chester, and Assistant Minister of the Church of the Holy Trinity.

On resigning the charge of St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre, I immediately entered upon the duties of the Chaplaincy of Mr. Bolmar's Boarding School, under the appointment and direction of the Bishop. The school, then large and flourishing, has continued steadily to increase; and the influence of the religious exercises in which the boys have been engaged, has been marked and gratifying. Besides the daily Morning and Evening Family Prayers, they all receive instruction from God's Word in a general Bible Class, every Sunday morning; and most of them attend regularly upon the services of the Church of the Holy Trinity, in Westchester, where they form a large and most interesting portion of the congregation. Those who attend the Episcopal Church recite frequently portions of the Church Catechism on Sunday evenings. We have only to regret that the building, though commodious and well arranged, is likely to be too small to accommodate all whose parents and guardians may wish to secure for them the advantages of the institution.

My record of other ministerial duties for the Convention year is as follows: public services, 94; baptisms, adult 1, infants 3,

total, 4; burials, 5. A severe attack of fever, last fall, incapacitated me for much public duty for nearly three months, or the amount of services would have been greater.

The neighbourhood of West Chester presents an encouraging field for missionary effort, in which I hope to be fully engaged, so far as my duties at the school will permit. In some densely populated school districts there is at present no stated preaching of the Gospel: but I have reason to think that the services of our Church would be acceptable in a high degree.

Report of the Rev. William C. Cooley, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville.

Congregation, families, 150; adults, 400; children, 275; total, 675; baptisms, adults, 3; children, 75; total, 78; communicants, added 8; removed, 2; present number, 93; marriages, 12; burials, 15; public services, on Sundays regularly; on all holy days; children catechised, monthly; Sunday schools, one, male and female; 12 teachers; 175 pupils; collections, Episcopal fund, $10 84; Advancement society, 10; Convention fund, 6 25; missionary and other purposes, 300; total, 327 09.

In addition to the above I would state that the sum of $5000 pledged last year for the erection of a larger Church edifice, has been raised to $7000, and that the Church is now in process of erection, in which we hope, by the blessing of its Divine Founder, to be able to gather multitudes of those who are now as sheep without a shepherd, left to wander and perish. The Church is to be built of stone, in the early English Gothic style, and large enough to seat one thousand persons, without galleries; and is to have *interspersed throughout the body*, pews sufficient to seat at least three hundred persons, which are to remain forever free; thereby opening the doors of the sanctuary freely to the poor, the wayfaring man, and the stranger, and giving them as high a seat and full a privilege therein, as the rich and honourable. I would also add, that through the winter months I held a third service in Woodside, six miles distant, and organized a Sunday school, which now consists of a hundred scholars, and is under the care of your Missionary appointed to labour in conjunction with me in this important field.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Cowell, Rector of Christ Church, Brownsville, Fayette Co.

Congregation, families, 50; adults, 115; children, 81; total, 196; baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 2; total, 7; confirmed, 7; communicants added, 12; died and removed, 5; present number, 65; marriages, 1; burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 87; other days, 6; total, 93; children catechised four times; Sunday school, male teachers, 6; female teachers, 8; male scholars, 24; female scholars, 57; total teachers and scholars, 95; collections, Convention fund, $6; missionary and other purposes, 315 53. Total, $321 53.

The Church in this place, under the blessing of Divine Providence, continues to increase, and the spirit of zeal for her interests to be enlarged among the members. Among the contributions which have been made during the past year, it may be well to mention, that, a very liberal sum has been set apart for a Parish Library. The grounds, likewise, around the Church have been materially improved. The grave-yard, which had begun to indicate signs of neglect, being so repaired as to look once more like a Christian, as it is already a time-hallowed, burial place.

But while we have reason to thank Almighty God for what has been done the past year, we are at the same time called to mourn, in the loss of the most prominent and useful member of the Church. Jacob Bowman, Esq., for thirty years the senior warden, and ever the most liberal patron, has been numbered with the dead. To him the Church, both in our own town, and also in the Diocese at large, owes a tribute of esteem, for it is by and through his faithfulness to her interests that we mostly are indebted for what we have, and what we are. It is by and through his zeal and his munificence, that the Church of our common Redeemer has been planted here, and sent down a precious heritage to posterity.

Report of the Rev. William J. Clark, Rector of Bangor Church, Churchtown, Lancaster Co.

Baptisms, infants, 2; services, Sundays, 56; other days, 14; total, 70; communicants, added, 1; total, 34; collection for Church purposes, $31 75.

I resigned the charge of this Parish in November last, having accepted the charge of the Parish of Christ Church, in Williamsport. My ministry of two years and a half was comparatively unsuccessful so far as relates to accessions to the communion of the Church; although I left behind me many who were deeply interested in their everlasting welfare. I pray that God will bless the parish abundantly under the ministry of my successor, and that he may early find that, which for mysterious purposes was withheld from me by Providence—a blessing upon the labour bestowed.

Report of the Rev. Asa S. Colton, Rector of Christ Church, in the borough of Towanda, Bradford Co.

Congregation, families, 25; adults, 50; children, 40; total, 90; baptisms, infant, 1; communicants, added, 2; removed, 1; present number, 29; marriages, 2; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 104; also, on the principal holy days, and occasionally at Ulster, 7 miles distant; catechism, now taught in the Sunday school, which is under the superintendence of the Rector, and chiefly taught by him; collections, for the Convention fund, $2 20; communicants offerings, 10 95; for the relief of the Irish, 41 00; Scotch, 25 00.

Report of the Rev. J. H. Coit, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Harrisburgh, Dauphin Co.

Congregation, families, 38; baptisms, infant, 16; communicants, present number, 60; marriages, 1; burials, 1; children cathecised monthly; Sunday schools, male teachers, 4; female teachers, 7; scholars, 80; collections, Episcopal fund, $13 50; missionary and other purposes, 311 50.

Report of the Parish of St. Andrew's Church, in Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 236; baptisms, adults, 5; infants, 17; total, 22; confirmed, 13; communicants, present number, about 500; marriages, 29; burials, 19; public services, on Sundays, 104; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 24; pupils, 180; female, 3; teachers, 30; pupils, 280; total schools, 5; total teachers, 54; total pupils, 460; Bible Classes, 3; members, 75; collections, Episcopal fund, $150 00; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 100 00; missionary and other purposes, 4620 28; total, 4874 28.

Report of the Rev. Thomas Crumpton, Rector of Christ Church, Allegheny, Alleghcny Co.

Congregation uncertain, baptisms, children, 35; confirmed, 12; communicants added, 16; died or removed, 7; present number, 85; marriages, 7; burials, 5; public services on Sundays, 104; other days, 18; total, 122; children catechised in the Sunday school monthly; Sunday school, male teachers, 5; female teachers, 5; male pupils, 30; female pupils, 35; total, teachers, 10; total, pupils, 65.

During the past year the parish has been making an effort to reduce its debts; and by liberal contributions among its own members, and by the donation of 1000 dollars from a member of Trinity Church, Pittsburg, its liabilities are now reduced to $2000, to be paid in ten years. We have contributed, as a congregation, to no other object, in the last year, but to the fund for the suffering Irish. All our ability was demanded to relieve us from the embarrassments in which we were involved.

Report of the Rev. John B. Calhoun.

On the 1st of October last, I was dismissed into this Diocese, from that of Western New York, where I had been temporarily officiating in a missionary parish for a few months. Since my return to Philadelphia, I have administered the Holy Communion several times; preached a number of sermons, and otherwise assisted the city and neighbouring Clergy.

Report of the Rev. Charles D. Cooper, Rector of St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne County.

Congregation, families, 69; baptisms, adults, 1; infants 5; total, 6; died or removed, 9; present number, 82; burials, 14; Sunday schools, male, 1; pupils, 72; female, 1; pupils, 101; total, teachers, 13; pupils, 173; Bible classes, 2; members, 15; Collections, Episcopal fund, $17 05; Convention fund, $12 37.

The parish has not been supplied with the services of a Clergyman, more than two months during the past year.

Report of the Rev. William J. Clark, Rector of Christ Church, Williamsport, Lycoming County.

Congregation, families, 19; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 1; total, 3; confirmed, 4; communicants added, 4; removed, 3;

present number, 15; marriages, 1; public services, on Sundays, 46; other days, 14; total, 60; children catechised, 14; times, every Sunday; Sunday schools, teachers, female, 4; pupils, female, 15; male, 20; collections, Episcopal fund, $5 72; Convention fund, 5 17; relief of poor in Ireland, 27 65; liquidation of Church debt, 136 00; total, $174 54.

I assumed the charge of this parish on the 15th of November last; and as no record has been made of the occasional services held since the resignation of the last Rector, my report embraces a period of only six months. During a visit to this place, in October, I found the congregation much dispirited, and the most sanguine amongst them doubtful of the ultimate prosperity of the parish. On entering upon my duties as Rector, I was delighted to find a degree of elasticity manifested which appeared to promise favourably. Deprived as they had been of services during a long season, it was more than I had reason to expect, that they should gather unitedly around me, and give me their cordial support. Yet this has been done, and they appear determined to use their best endeavours to sustain their Church, and promote its interests. The generosity of Grace Church in Philadelphia, has enabled them to enjoy the regular services of the sanctuary. This assistance has been cheerfully extended to us, on condition that a specific sum be raised annually, by the congregation, for my support, and that the debt be paid off in three years. I found the debt, originally about $500, increased to nearly or quite $700; and we have succeeded already in reducing it to the amount specified in my report.

Report of the Rev. Thomas J. Davis.

I hereby respectfully report that for the last year, as a missionary I occasionally preached.—Baptized 9 children, performed 11 funerals, and solemnized 4 marriages; administered the Holy Communion 3 times to the sick, and assisted in its public administration 27 times.

Report of the Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Phila.

Baptisms, adults, 2; children, 26; total, 28; confirmed, 3, (at a special confirmation); communicants, estimated at about 300; marriages, 10; funerals, 24; public services on Sundays,

89 times; on other days, 52; total, 141. The children of the parish generally, and of the Sunday schools, were catechised every Sunday afternoon in Lent, "openly in the Church," as the rubric requires. Collections, for the Christmas fund, $55 42; Convention fund, 50 00; Episcopal fund, 150 00; for the Advancement Society, 676 58; Sunday school fund, 69 50; missions out of the Diocese, 258 91; special charities, 60 37; parochial purposes, 984 00; the sufferers in Europe, (a few contributions,) 30 50; total, $2,335.28.

Many other sums have been given in the parish for various purposes of religion and charity; but the amount thus contributed cannot be ascertained. It has, however, probably been as much at least as $3000.

The Church was closed for repairs from the second Sunday in July, till the third Sunday in September; in all ten Sundays.

Report of the Rev. Charles M. Dupuy.

The Rev. Charles M. Dupuy reports, that since the last Convention he has, so far as his health would permit, and opportunities were presented, been engaged in preaching, in assisting his brethren in the administration of the Holy Communion, and in the celebration of divine service.

Report of the Rev. Benjamin Dorr, Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 220; baptisms, adults, 10; infants, 75; total, 85; confirmed, 30; communicants added, 28; died or removed, 26; present number, 412; marriages, 12; burials, 27; public services on Sundays, 104; other days, 152; total, 256; children catechised, 300; Times, 12; the last Sunday afternoon in each month; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 87; female, 2; teachers, 30; pupils, 200; total, schools, 3; teachers, 40; pupils, 287; Bible classes, 2; members, 25; collections, Episcopal fund, $150 00; Soc. Adv. of Christianity, 263 77; Missionary and other purposes, 4876 45; total, 5290 22.

The above contributions were to the following objects, viz: Convention and Episcopal funds, $200 00; General Theological Seminary, 30 00; Prayer Book Societies, 212 50; Sunday schools, 501 93; missions, 994 02; relief of parish poor,

1257 95; for poor in Ireland and Scotland, 817 14; aiding churches, 1276 68; total, 5290 22.

Report of the Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Whitemarsh, Montgomery Co.

Congregation, families, 31; adults, 98; children, 35; total, 133; baptisms, adults, 8; confirmed, 11; communicants added, 8; removed, 2; present number, 34; burials, 4; public services on Sundays, 47; other days, 10; total, 57; children catechised, several times; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 16; female, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 17; total, schools, 2; teachers, 4; pupils, 33.

Through the indefatigable exertions of Mr. Henry M. Sheaff and sisters, we have been enabled during the past year to erect a substantial stone tower; and through the liberality, unsolicited, of some of our friends in Philadelphia, we have furnished the same with a sweet toned bell, which is heard at the distance of several miles from the church. A very convenient, and handsomely finished vestry room has been fitted up on the first floor of the tower, and several appropriate improvements have been made in the chancel. The Church is growing steadily—she is viewed with increasing favor by the surrounding denominations of Christians, many of whom regularly attend her services. Peace and harmony prevail; and we desire to record our grateful thanks, 'to him who hath loved us, and bought us with his own blood,' and say, 'hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'

Report of the Rev. Heman Dyer, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pittsburg, Allegheny county.

Congregation, families, 20; adults, 50; children, 75; total, 120; baptisms, infants, 15; total, 15; confirmed, 7; communicants added, 6; present number, 28; marriage, 1; burials, 2; public services on Sundays, 78; other days, 2; total, 80; Sunday schools, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 60; collections, Episcopal fund, $4 00; Missionary and other purposes 41 66.

During the past year, I have preached some twenty times in different places out of my parish. I have also for some time had charge of a Bible class in the city. My principal attention has been, however, to my duties in the University.

Report of the Rev. George C. Drake, Rector of St. James's Church, Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill county.

Sunday services, 74; week day, 35; total, 109; baptisms, adult, 1; infants, 12; total, 13; burials, 5; marriages, 6; communicants added, 3; died or removed, 7; present number, 27; communion administered, public, 6; private, to the sick, 2; total, 8; Bible class, members, 13; collections, Sunday school of the parish, $13 24; Episcopal fund, 6 24; relief of the Irish and Scotch, 45 77; total, 65 25; Sunday school, about 50 scholars, and 4 teachers.

The services for the latter part of the year were much disturbed, by sickness in the Rector's family, resulting in death. The severity of his affliction called forth the kindness and sympathy of his congregation in an eminent degree, for which he desires to record his thankfulness.

Report of the Rev. Robert Davis.

During the last year my health has not been adequate to any pulpit service.

Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, Presbyter.

Baptisms, infants, 2; marriages, 3; burials, 5; public services on Sundays, 104; other days, 25; administration of holy communion in private, twice.

Since the last Convention, I have not been idle nor unuseful. I have supplied several destitute places in the country, and I have assisted my brethren by performing Divine service, preaching, administering the holy communion, and visiting the sick. Within the last eight or nine weeks, I have officiated in the vacant parish of Mantua. The Lord appears to vouchsafe his blessing; the congregation is evidently on the increase, and there is a good prospect of the Sunday school being enlarged and improved.

Report of the Rev. George A. Durborow, Rector of the Church of the Redemption, Fairmount, S. G.

Congregation, families, 65; adults, 161; children, 117; total, 278; baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 55; total, 59; communicants added, 10; died or removed, 7; present number, 37; marriages, 7; burials, 29; public services, on Sundays, 122; other days, 18; total 140; children catechised, monthly;

Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 9; pupils, 78; female teachers, 7; pupils, 91; total, teachers, 16; pupils, 169; collections, total, $311 68.

On the 6th of March last, the corner stone of the new Church, corner of Schuylkill Front and Callowhill sts., was laid by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter. It is to be a neat gothic edifice, and just suited to the wants of the community in which I am labouring as a Missionary.

Through the grace of God, my labours during the past year bave been blest to the spiritual improvement of many. Our congregation has steadily increased.

Report of the Rev. J. H. Fowles, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Phila.

Baptisms, adult, 1; infants, 55; total, 56; confirmed, 20; communicants, removed or died, 12; stricken from the list, because their history cannot be traced, or because they have neither held seats, nor worshipped in the Church for years, 120; added, 48; number corresponding very nearly with present actual communion, 524; burials, adults, 15; children, 12; total, 27; Sunday school, teachers, 74; pupils, 840; public services, 197; contributions towards religious and charitable objects, $5956 00.

Report of the Rev. William Flint, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie, Erie county.

Congregation, families, 71; adults, 160; children, 111; total, 271; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 10; total, 12; communicants added, 10; died or removed, 5; present number, 76; marriage, 1; burials, 7; public services, on Sundays, 90; other days, 11; total, 101; children catechised, 45; times, monthly in the Church; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 20; female, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 40; total, schools, 2; teachers, 12; pupils, 60; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $20 00; Missionary and other purposes, 90 00; total, 110 00.

The church building is now being enlarged and beautified, at an expense of from $1,500 to $2,000, the greater part of which has already been collected from the congregation, and the remainder will be obtained by the sale of the additional pews.

The Church will thus remain, as we learn it ever has been, free from debt.

Report of the Rev. George G. Field, Rector of St. John's Church, Huntingdon, Huntingdon county.

Families, 11; adults, 35, children, 38; total, 73; communicants, removed, 1; added, 3; present number, 20; children baptized, 2; Sunday services, 92; other days, 39; total, 131; Sunday school teachers, 6; scholars, 20; children catechised, 1; funerals, 2; alms for the relief of the Irish, $14 00; collection for the Jews, 2 15; Advancement Society, 3 22; other purposes, 69 10; total, 88 47. In addition to the above sums, $100 00 was raised for the payment of a debt upon the Church edifice, and a like sum was received from without the parish for the same purpose.

Report of the Rev. Colley A. Foster, Rector of St. James' Church, Muncy, Lycoming county.

Congregation, families, 60; adults, 165; children, 75; total, 240; baptisms, infants, 5; confirmed, 2; communicants added, 2; died or removed, 20; present number, 104; marriages, 2; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, twice, with few exceptions; other days, 14; total, 110; children catechised, 15; times, monthly; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 1; pupils, 20; female, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 30; total, schools, 2; teachers, 8; pupils, 50; collections, Episcopal fund, $6 00; Christmas fund, 7 14; Irish sufferers, 30 00; Convention fund, 6 66; total, 49 80.

I officiate once a fortnight at Goosetown, a place two miles off—the congregation numerous and attentive.

Report of the Rev. George P. Hopkins, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Doylestown.

In reporting the present condition of his parish, he feels gratified to say, that although since the date of his last report to the Convention, there have arisen many and great difficulties, yet by the blessing of God, much also has been accomplished. In September last, the corner-stone of a new Church was laid by the Bishop of the Diocese. The architecture of the early English style; dimensions, sixty feet by thirty-seven—material of stone, and of an excellent description. The building has so far advanced as to warrant the belief, that nothing but a deficiency of pecuniary means need prevent its completion by the end of autumn

next. Judging from the liberality of our friends hitherto, it is fondly hoped that such an extension of the same Christian spirit, will be exercised as will obviate any serious delay in accomplishing a result so important and desirable.

Many thanks are due to the Female Association of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, and also to several pious laymen, without whose aid and co-operation, the mission could not have been sustained. When an arrangement can be effected for the residence of myself and family, within the limits of my parish, it will, I am sure, conduce much to the spiritual welfare of the flock, by giving me more time for parochial visiting.

Report of the Rev. N. Sayre Harris, Rector of the Nativity Church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 43: total, 47; confirmed, 12; communicants added, 19; died and removed, 10; present number, 98; marriages, 14; burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 28; total, 132; children catechised, 52 times; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 10; pupils, 91; female, 1; teachers, 17; pupils, 120; infant, 2; teachers, 2; pupils, 225; total, schools, 4; teachers, 29; pupils, 436; Bible classes, 2; members, 26; collections, missionary and other purposes, $394 86.

Parish in a promising condition.

Report of the Rev. William J. Hilton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Kittanning, and Trinity Church, Freeport, Armstrong county.

St. Paul's Church, Kittanning.

Baptisms, infants, 9; total, 9; communicants added, 6; died or removed, 2; present number, 38; marriages, 2; burials, 7; public services, on Sundays, 40; other days, 5; total, 45; children catechised, 15; times, 6; Sunday schools, male 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 25; female, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 30; total, schools, 2; teachers, 9; pupils, 55; colllections, missionary and other purposes, $56 50.

This congregation has laboured under great inconvenience for the last two years, in consequence of the destruction of the Church edifice; during which time we have had no regular place for holding our services. But our prospects begin to brighten. Our

Church, now in course of erection, will, we hope, be ready for consecration in July next, when our accommodations will be better and more ample than they have ever yet been. May the Lord crown the whole with his blessing, for "Except the Lord build the house, their labour is but lost that build it."

TRINITY CHURCH, FREEPORT.

Baptisms, infants, 5; communicants added, 2; died or removed, 3; present number, 49; public services, on Sundays, 37; other days, 6; total, 43; children catechised, 14; times, 5; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 28; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 34; Bible class, 1; members, 20; collections for various purposes, $47 50.

Report of the Rev. Richard D. Hall.

The Rev. R. D. Hall reports to the Bishop, that during the last Conventional year, he has been engaged in the duties of his ministry, according to opportunity and his physical ability, by preaching the Word, and in prayers, and in administering the sacraments, and in assisting his brethren in town and country, in the Diocese, and beyond its limits; he has celebrated 4 marriages; baptized 3 infants; and performed one funeral service for an infant.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Hazlehurst, Rector of St. James' Church, Downingtown, Chester county.

Congregation, families, 26; adults, 58: children, 64; total, 122; baptisms, infants, 6; total, 6; confirmed, 4; communicants added, 4; died or removed, 4; present number, 16; marriages, 4; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 11; total, 115; children catechised, 40; times, 9; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 20; female, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 30; total, schools, 2; teachers, 8; pupils, 50; Bible class, 1; members, 9; collections, Episcopal fund, $6 50; missionary and other purposes, 18 00; total, 24 50.

The condition of the parish I consider as encouraging as the size of the Church will admit. The congregation has been uniformly good; and though little has been contributed for missionary purposes, yet more than two hundred dollars of the debt has been paid off.

Report of the Rev. John W. Hoffman, Rector of St. John's Church, York, York county.

Congregation, families, 26; adults, 63; children, 28; total, 91; baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 8; total, 9; confirmed, 5; communicants added, 6; suspended, 1; present number, 33; burials, 7; public services, on Sundays, 99; other days, 62; total, 161; children catechised, 15; times, 3; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 3; pupils, 20; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 30; total, schools, 2; teachers, 9; pupils, 50; collections, Episcopal fund, $10 00; Society for the Advancement of Christianity, 3 00; Convention fund, 2 00; missionary and other purposes, 61 00; total, 76 00.

Report of the Rev. M. Hirst, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Minersville, Schuylkill County.

Congregation, families, 18; adults, 150; children, 60; total, 210; baptisms, adults, 1; children, 36; total, 37; marriages, 1; burials, 10; public services, on Sundays, 72; other days, 10; total, 82; collections, Convention fund, 5 cents; other purposes, 14 00; total, 14 05.

The corner stone of a new church edifice for this parish, was laid by the Rev. Dr. Bull, in October last, and will be ready for consecration in July next. Its dimensions are thirty-five feet wide and fifty feet deep, and will afford sittings for about three hundred and fifty persons.

In addition to my labours at Minersville, I have officiated at Schuylkill Haven, Pottsville, Minehill Gap, Lewellyn, Costerville, Forestville and Painsville. I have cause for gratitude to the divine Head of the Church, for the attention given to his preached word, and the kindness with which my services have been received.

Report of the Rev. G. Emlen Hare, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Francisville, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 7; total, 9; confirmed, 3; communicants added, 1; present number, 41; marriages, 4; burials, 2; public services on Sundays, 104; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers. 7; pupils, 40; female, 1; teachers, 8; pupils, 60; total, schools, 2; teachers, 15; pupils, 100;

Report of the Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Phila.

Congregation, 180 families; whole number, about 950 persons. Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 23; total, 25; confirmed, 19; communicants added, 40; died or removed, 5; present number, 250; marriages, 5; burials, 8. Public services have been held in the Church, twice on every Sunday, throughout the year—and once on every holy day; on every Wednesday evening, from the first of October to May; and on Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the season of Lent. Children catechised, 6 times; Sunday schools, male, 2; teachers, 12; pupils, 153; female, 2; teachers, 22; pupils, 238; total, teachers, 34; pupils, 391; Bible classes, members, 56. A parish school of 120 pupils, under the care of two teachers, is connected with this Church, and sustained by its contributions throughout the year. Collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $164 60; Missionary and other purposes, 2354 54; total, 2519 14.

Report of the Rev. H. T. Hiester, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

Congregation, families, 25; adults, 64; children, 71; total, 135; baptisms, infants, 3; communicants added, 1; removed, 2; present number, 33; marriages, 2; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 100; other days, 70; total, 170; children catechised monthly; Sunday school teachers, male, 4; female, 4; scholars, male, 22; female, 18; total, 30; collections, relief of Ireland, $32 32; Sabbath Association, 20 00; Christmas fund, 6 24; Convention fund, 4 40; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 3 00; Advancement Society, 3 00; Episcopal fund, 3 75; other purposes, 14 21; total, 86 92.

In addition to the above collections, between three and four hundred dollars have been expended on repairs, in the interior of the Church during the past year; which I regret to say, has lately been injured greatly by fire, but we have great reason for gratitude to Providence, that no serious injury has been done to the building itself.

Report of the Rev. Joseph Jaquett.

The Rev. Joseph Jaquett reports that he has been employed during the past Ecclesiastical year, in teaching Theological Students the Hebrew language.

Report of the Rev. N. M. Jones, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Uniontown, Fayette Co., and Missionary at Grace Church, Manalen, same county.

St. Peter's Church, Uniontown.

Communicants, removed, 5; added, 10; present number, 39; confirmed, 7; female Bible class, 1; members, 17; Sunday schools, 2; teachers, male, 4; female, 7; pupils, 85; children catechised monthly, sometimes oftener. The services in this Church, have been statedly and regularly celebrated. The Church has been opened for divine services, upon the chief festivals and fasts, (including the season of Lent.) The Holy Communion is administered monthly; marriages, 3; baptisms, adults, females, 3; infants, females, 4; males, 5; total, 9; burial, 1; weekly offerings at the offertory, (including $28 50 for Ireland,) 90 00; other contributions for Church purposes, 100 00; total, 190 00.

Grace Church, Manalen.

Communicants omitted in last report, 2; present number, 10; baptisms, infants, males, 1; females, 2; total, 3. The services of the Church, are statedly and regularly celebrated in this Church, once in two weeks, with some occasional services. The Holy Communion is administered once in two months; Communion offerings, $7 91.

This was once a large congregation. But by means of deaths, removals, and neglect, it has fallen into a very weak state, from which it will take some time to recover. The regular attendance of the congregation is encouraging.

Report of the Rev. Edward C. Jones, Missionary.

The Missionary would report, that since November 1st, 1846, he has been engaged in labouring among the colored population in the district of Moyamensing. He would append the following brief schedule of his services. Regular Church services, 56 times; marriages, 8; baptisms, 7; interments, 2; visits to the sick and afflicted, 493; Prayer books distributed, 19; Tracts, do. 821; clothing, 181; soup tickets, 52; orders for wood, 13; number of scholars attached to the Sunday school, about 60; teachers, 5.

It is confidently anticipated that this enterprise will eventuate in the erection of a commodious church edifice, where persons

of colour hitherto too sadly neglected, may be nurtured in the pure faith of the gospel without money and without price; may the great Head of the Church still follow with his blessing an undertaking so propitiously commenced, and in its progress hitherto, so remarkably successful.

Report of the Rev. J. J. Kerr, Rector of Advent Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia,

Congregation, families, 107; adults, 430; children, 313; total, 850; baptisms, infants, 14; total, 14; communicants added, 9; died or removed, 11; present number, 127; marriages, 12; burials, 13; public services on Sundays, 204; other days, 74; total, 278; children catechised, 130; times, 13; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 12; pupils, 112; female, 1; teachers, 13; pupils, 113; total, schools, 2; teachers, 25; pupils, 225; Bible classes, 1; members, 18; collections, Episcopal fund, $10 60; Convention fund, 10 59; missionary and other purposes, 650; total, 671 19.

Report of the Rev. George Kirke, Rector of St. John's Church, New London, and Minister of St. James's Church, West Marlborough.

St. John's Church, N. L.

Baptisms, children, 4; communicants, added, 1; died, 2; present number, 25; burials, 2; public services with sermons, on the Lord's day, 28; other days, 17; total, 45; children catechised, times, 8; Sunday school, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 23; Bible classes, 2; collections, Episcopal fund, $2 25; Convention fund, 4 00; domestic missions, 3 50.

St. James' Church, W. M.

Communicants, 2; public services with sermons, on the Lord's day, 26; other days, 8; total, 34. The circumstances of this Church have been such, that no collections have been made for any, but parochial purposes.

The Minister of the abovenamed Churches, besides performing other official duties in various places, has also, during the past year, visited the Chester county Prison and Poor House, every other Lord's day. Services with sermons in the former, 25; in the latter, 25; 17 prisoners have been visited in their respective cells before dismission. In the Poor House, 68 visits

have been made in rooms occupied principally by the sick and the afflicted, with appropriate services, and 2 children baptized.

Report of the Rev. Milton C. Lightner, Rector of Christ Church, Danville, Columbia County.

Baptisms, adults, 6; infants, including one by the Bishop, 39; total, 45; confirmed, including 9 in Derry, and 3 in Sunbury, 37; communicants added, 18; died, 2; removed, 6; present number, 72; marriages, 6; burials, 25; public services on Sundays, 126; other days, 53; total, 179; Sunday school, 1; male teachers, 11; female teachers, 15; scholars above 200; children catechised weekly in the S. school; collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $16 50; Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 20 75; female Prayer Book Society, 5 18¾; Christmas collection, 11 00; poor in Europe, including 8 00 in Derry, 69 00; Convention fund, 12 00; Episcopal fund, 17 00; Sunday school, 34 62½; missionary and other purposes, 68 00; total, 254 06¼.

I have officiated regularly in Derry and Fruitstown, and occasionally in other places. In Derry, a beautiful plank church edifice has been commenced under very favourable auspices. The design is by Carver and Hall of Philadelphia, obtained through the kindness of Rev. Dr. Morton. The Church is named St. James, and the corner-stone was laid by the Bishop, on the 23d of April.

Report of the Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, and St. Gabriel's Church, Morlattin, Berks county.

CHRIST CHURCH, POTTSTOWN.

Congregation, families, 30; adults, 102; children, 46; total, 148; baptisms, infants, 3; confirmed, 5; communicants added, 6; died or removed, 4; present number, 38; marriages, 9; burials, 12; public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 40; total, 92; children catechised, 21; times, monthly; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 22; female, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 26; total, schools, 2; teachers, 13; pupils, 43; Bible class, 1; members, 5; collections, for the suffering poor in Ireland, $50 00; for missionary and other purposes, 160 00; total, 210 00.

During the past year, the members of this congregation had the

pleasure of seeing their new Church finished, paid for, and consecrated. It cost four thousand dollars, and is built in the Gothic style. It is hoped that hereafter the Church will be furnished with a bell and an organ. In the meantime, may that best of music, spiritual worship, ascend from the hearts and lips of those who meet within its walls.

St. Gabriel's Church, Morlattin.

Congregation, families, 55; adults, 150; children, 104; total, 254; baptisms, adults, 10; infants, 5; total, 15; confirmed, 20; communicants added, 17; present number, 64; marriages, 5; burials, 8; public services, on Sundays, 52; other days, 10; total, 62; children catechised, 30; times, monthly; Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 30; female, 1; teachers, 9; pupils, 37; total, schools, 2; teachers, 13; pupils, 67; collections, for the poor in Ireland, $8 00; for missionary and other purposes, 65 00; total, 73 00.

The state and prospects of this congregation are very encouraging. The services of the Church are well attended, and not without result. Many have confessed Christ in His ordinances, and many more seem disposed to live in view of things unseen. As a people, the members of the Church here are united, teachable, free from a factious spirit, and seemingly desirous of understanding and practising the truth. May the God of peace and grace, permit His blessing to rest upon them.

Report of the Rev. Dr. Lyons.

The Rev. Dr. Lyons, in accordance with the requirements of the Canon, presents to the Right Rev. the Bishop of Pennsylvania, this statement of his ministerial engagements for the last twelve months. Since the 26th of May, 1846, he has officiated 81 times; preached 48 times; attended one funeral, and taken a part in administering the Holy Communion on nine different occasions. Dr. Lyons thinks it due to himself to say, that during the past year, as during every other since he first entered the ministry, his clerical services have been entirely gratuitous. He has never, in a single instance, sought or accepted any gift, return, or compensation as a teacher of Christianity.

Report of the Rev. Edwin N. Lightner, Rector of Christ (Swedes') Church, Upper Merion, Montgomery county.

Baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 20; confirmed, 1; marriages, 3; burials, 10; communion, number of times administered, 8; average attending communions, 27; new communicants, 4; died or removed, 9; present number, 43; Sunday school, during the summer months; average attendance, teachers, 8; scholars, 40; collections, Advancement Society, $5 66; Christmas fund, 4 00; Swedish mission, Wisconsin, 6 00; for poor of Ireland, 17 00; other purposes, 16 44; total, 49 10.

I officiate once a day, every second Sunday, at Conshehocken, the attendance is very encouraging. We expect soon to organize a parish in this place, and had we funds to erect a place of worship, I do not doubt but that the Church would be soon established.

Report of the Rev. F. Lane, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Troy, Bradford county.

Congregation, families, 20; adults, 35; children, 25; total, 60; baptisms, infants, 1; communicants, added, 1; removed, 1; present number, 15; marriage, 1; burial, 1; public services, on Sundays and other days, 52; Sunday school, 1; pupils, 25; collections, Convention fund, $2 50; parochial purposes, 16 00; for the relief of the Irish, 50 00; total, 68 50.

Five years have now elapsed since I took charge of this parish, and the accessions to the Episcopal Church, during this period, compared with those of other denominations in the place, have been important and excellent.

Report of the Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Meadville, Crawford county.

Since my last report, being in ill health, and under the necessity of giving up the charge of my parish, (St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg,) I have performed the following services, mostly in Bloomsburg, viz:

Baptized 3 infants; added to the Holy Communion, 9; married 4 couple; buried 8 persons; officiated on Sundays 36 times; other days, 16 times; total, 52; catechised the children in Sunday school a number of times, and collected for divers purposes, $13 66; of which, 6 33 was for the Convention fund; and 6 00 for the Church at Kittanning. My health has somewhat improved, I trust, by rest and release from the cares of a

parish, yet not sufficiently to enable me to resume the active duties of the ministry.

Report of the Rev. J. Long, Rector of St. Mark's Church, New Milford, St. Paul's Church, Montrose, and St. Andrew's Church, Springville, Susquehannah Co.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, NEW MILFORD.

Congregation, families, 25; adults, 75; children, 20; total, 95; baptisms, infants, 3; total, 3; present number, about 25; marriage, 1; public services on Sundays, 30; other days, 7; total, 37; Sunday schools, about to be organized; Bible classes, do. do. Collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $1 25; missionary and other purposes, 33 93; total, 35 18.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, MONTROSE.

Congregation, families, 18; adults, 60; children, 15; total, 75; baptisms, infants, 7; total, 7; communicants added, 2; died, 1; present number, 23; burials, 5; public services on Sundays, 48; other days, 36; total, 84; children catechised, 12; times, 2; Sunday school, 1; scholars, 15; teachers, 4; Bible class, 1; members, 9; collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $1 37½; missionary and other purposes, 20 75; total, $22 12½.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, SPRINGVILLE.

Congregation, families, 50; adults, 105; children, 60; total, 171; baptisms, adults, 2; infants, 2; total, 4; communicants added, 1; died, 1; removed, 1; present number, 62; marriage, 1; burials, 3; public services on Sundays, 32; other days, 17; total, 49; children catechised, 60; times, 5; Sunday school, male and female, 1; teachers, 14; pupils, 60; Bible class, 1; members, 35; collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $2 30; missionary and other purposes, 18 00; total, $20 30.

In addition to the above, I have officiated at Tunkhannock in Wyoming county, 5 times. On the 31st of Octocer last, a parish was organized in that place, by the name of the Nativity; and a vestry elected. I regret that I was unable to visit there more frequently; but I could not do so consistently with other duties. I entered upon this charge, the first Sunday in June, being Whitsunday, and at the first perceived that it was too extensive. I am thankful indeed, that there is now a prospect of

having another labourer in this most important and interesting field. I have received and accepted calls from the vestries of St. Mark's, New Milford, and St. Paul's, Montrose; and suppose also, that I shall be retained as Missionary in the employ of the Advancement Society. There is much missionary ground around me; and the two parishes alone cannot support me. The Church is yet weak; but growing I believe, day by day. I am encouraged; I am thankful: God does now smile upon us; and we will trust in Him.

Report of the Rev. J. H. Marsden, Rector of Christ Church, Huntington Township, Adams County.

Baptism, adult, 1; confirmed, 2; communicants added, 2; burials, 2.

Besides the regular services of the Church, I am in the habit of preaching at schoolhouses in the neighbourhood, where I have an opportunity of addressing some, who seldom, if ever visit a place consecrated to the worship of God.

The Sunday school was necessarily suspended during the inclement season of winter, and owing to peculiar circumstances, has not yet been resumed, but will be, as soon as practicable.

The debt upon our chapel has been fully liquidated. For the noble liberality which has enabled us to effect so desirable an object, we feel that we cannot be sufficiently thankful.

The glebe consisting of about 160 acres, belonging to the Church, the proceeds of which are restricted to the support of the Clergyman, and which had for years yielded scarcely more than was requisite to pay taxes and repairs, begins, I think, to appear in somewhat better condition, and to be a little more profitable. The soil has been, however, so much exhausted by a miserable system of agriculture, that it can never be productive, till thoroughly renovated by lime and good husbandry. Our excellent warden Mr. Wolford, has lately placed it, as was the custom many years ago, under the immediate control of the Rector, who selects his own tenant, and gives it a more careful supervision than it could otherwise receive. By this arrangement, it is hoped, the farm will shortly present a much better aspect than heretofore.

Report of the Rev. T. H. Michell, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Waterford, Erie County.

Congregation, families, 25, adults, 58, children, 32, total, 115; baptisms, infants, 3, total, 3; communicants added, 3, died, 1, present number, 27; burials, 3; public services on Sundays, 52, other days, 4, total, 56; children catechised, 17, weekly, from April 1, to Nov. 1.

The condition and prospects of this small parish are such as to call for little remark. It will be sufficient perhaps to state that the same kind feeling and harmonious action continue, as heretofore, between the Church and the pastor.—It is still the day of small and feeble things, yet we are not entirely without a hope of something better for the future.

Report of the Rev. A. A. Marple.

I hereby send you a report of what has been done by me, since you admitted me to deacon's orders. In the month of August, by your directions, I visited Athens, Bradford co. I remained in Athens nine weeks, and held services twice on every Sunday. In October, I left Athens, came to Bloomsburg, and took charge of St. Paul's Church in the latter place. Services have been held twice on every Sunday. Baptisms, adult, 1, infant, 13; confirmed, 3; communicants, about 95; marriages, 5; burials, 9; Sunday school, scholars in general attendance, 80, teachers, 20; Bible class, (held on Tuesday evening) members, 12 to 15; Collections, $47 00.

This report is necessarily imperfect, as it extends back no further than October. Occasional services were also held for about three months at Jerseytown. The congregations were in general good. The services at Jerseytown have been discontinued, but will be resumed at the end of summer.

Report of the Rev. D. H. Macurdy, Rector of St. James the Less Church, near the Falls of Schuylkill, Philadelphia county.

Congregation, about 125; baptisms, adults, 2, children, 11, and one "received," baptized privately, total, 14; confirmed, 7; communicants, 18; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 52, other days, 5, total, 57; children catechised, 22 times; Sun-

day schools, male, 1, teachers, 2, pupils, 34, female, 1, teachers, 6, pupils, 60, total, schools, 2, teachers, 8, pupils, 94; collections for other than parochial purposes, $37 00.

The congregation belonging to this parish, has from the time of its organization been worshipping in a building which is otherwise occupied on Sundays, except in the afternoon. On Sunday mornings the rector superintends the Sunday schools of the parish; which meet in another part of the same building. A beautiful and substantial church edifice is being erected, which, it is expected, will be completed during the ensuing summer. The present rector's connexion with this parish, began on the 6th of August last. He has officiated elsewhere since his ordination, on the 28th of June last, 76 times.

Report of the Rev. John J. McElhinny.

During the last twelve months that I have been without a parish, my labours have been limited to the occasional assistance of my brethren in this neighborhood. My report is therefore necessarily brief. Performed service and preached twenty-nine times in the following places: Pittsburg, Alleghany city, Laceyville, Brownsville, Uniontown, Manalen, Connellsville, and Greensburg. Baptisms, infants, 2; marriage, 1; burial, 1.

Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, D. D. Rector of Christ Church, Reading, Berks county.

Congregation, families, 60, adults, 198, children, 89, total, 287; baptisms, adults, 1, infants, 16, total, 17; communicants added, 15, died, 1, removed, 7, stricken from the list for *non-attendance*, 6, present number, 103; burials, 1 adult; public services, on Sundays, 99, other days, 68, total, 167; marriages, 10; Sunday schools, 2, male teachers, 17, female, 16, male pupils, 70, female, 80, total, teachers, 32, pupils, 150. The children of the Sunday schools are catechised frequently, by the Rector. Collections, Episcopal fund, $30 00, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, 10 63, Convention fund of the Diocese, 10 00, Christmas fund, 12 00, for sufferers of Ireland and Scotland, 145 48, Board of Missions, 79 24, for other purposes connected with the parish, $485 27, total, $765 52.

An enlargement of the Church edifice, (which will give forty additional pews,) is in progress. The interior of the Church, will also be improved, in architectural taste and order.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Moorhouse.

Since my last report, I have been engaged in assisting the Rector of St. Peter's Church in this city. From that period to the present, I have officiated in the public services of the Church, 670 times; baptized 16 children; married 3 couple; and attended 11 funerals; making in all, 700 services performed. On the 1st of April, I was appointed by the Advancement Society, city missionary for the district of Southwark. My engagement at St. Peter's, having now expired, I hope so soon as a suitable building can be procured, to have the stated services of the Church.

Report of the Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Sunbury, Northumberland county.

Congregation, families, 21, adults, 61, children, 51, total, 112; baptisms, adults, 1, infants, 3, total, 4; confirmed, 7; communicants, added, 4, died or removed, 8, present number, 22; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 62, other days, 37, total, 99; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 3, pupils, 15, female, 1, teachers, 8, pupils, 39, total, schools, 2, teachers, 11, pupils, 54; collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $6 50, Convention fund, 7 00, Christmas fund, 10 00, relief for Ireland and Scotland, 40 00, other purposes, 44 00, total, $107 50.

This report embraces only the time between August 23, 1846, and May 1st, 1847. Between the time of my ordination and August 23d, when I entered upon the duties of this parish, I assisted in the services and preached at different places twenty times.

When I took charge of the parish, it had been without services for more than a year, in consequence of which, the interests of the Church had suffered materially. Since that time there has been a manifest improvement. I hold service every Sunday afternoon in Northumberland, where I think we have good ground for encouragement. With a little aid from abroad we

shall be able to build a small Church there during the present year. I have held service at the towns of Lewisburg and Milton, distant from Sunbury twelve and fourteen miles, and think that there is a fair prospect of reviving the Church in the latter place. I have cheering hopes for the interests of the Church in this region, and amid the uncertainties and changes of the religious bodies around us, can see that her decency and good order are making a wholesome impression upon men's minds.

Report of the Rev. H. J. Morton, D.D. Rector of St. James' Church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, infants, 18, adults, 2, total, 20; confirmed, 11; communicants added, 22, died or removed, 6, total number, about 350; marriages, 10; burials, 1; public services, on Sundays, 108, other days, 99, total, 207; Holy Communion celebrated monthly, and on all principal festivals; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 4, scholars, 27; female, 1, teachers, 15, scholars, 63; infant, 1, teachers, 5, scholars, 76; Bible class, 1, teacher, 1, scholars, 14, coloured class, 1, teacher, 1, scholars, 5, total, teachers, 26, scholars, 185; children catechised every Sunday afternoon; parish school, teachers, 5, scholars, 160; collections, at Communion, $559 24, relief of Ireland and Scotland, 647 41, monthly missionary collection, 259 21, quarterly collection, 1417 02, contribution for parish school, 161 00, missionary purposes, 450 00, total, $3493 88.

Report of the Rev. J. Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Kensington, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 43, total, 45; confirmed, 8; communicants added, 17, died or removed, 10, present number, 182; marriages, 7; burials, 20; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 70, total, 174; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 9, pupils, 130, female, 1, teachers, 15, pupils, 201, total, schools, 2, teachers, 24, pupils, 331; Bible classes, 3, members, 40; collections, Episcopal fund, $5 00, missionary and other purposes, 195 00, total, 200 00.

Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, Rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county.

Congregation, families, 54, adults, 200, children, 160, total, 360; baptisms, infants, 8; communicants added, 2, died, 1,

present number, 81; marriages, 5; burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 52, other days, 26, total, 78; children catechised, 4, times, 2; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 5, pupils, 40, female, 1, teachers, 8, pupils, 30, total, schools, 2, teachers, 13, pupils, 70; collections, Convention fund, $5 00, Christmas fund, 6 23, for objects connected with the Church, 350 00, other purposes, 33 00, total, $394 23.

Report of the Rev. H. E. Montgomery, Rector of All Saints' Church, Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.

Congregation, families, 74, adults, 150, children, 175, total, 325; baptisms, adults, 4, infants, 37, total, 41; confirmed, 18; communicants added, 25, died or removed, 1, present number, 70; marriages, 1; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 18, total, 122; children catechised, times, 9, number, 184; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 8, pupils, 47, female, 2, teachers, 14, pupils, 137, total, schools, 3, teachers, 22, pupils, 184; Bible class, 1, members, 17; collections, missionary and other purposes, $20 00, communion collection every month for the poor of the parish, averaging about $3 00 per month.

The present Rector took charge of All Saints' parish in August last, and this report covers principally a space of nine months. The collections as yet taken up, have been mostly appropriated to the church building, which is unfinished at the present time.

Report of the Rev. Edwin Mendenhall, Rector of St. John's Church, Salem, Wayne county.

Congregation, families, 15, adults, 40, children, 35, total, 75; baptisms, infants 3, total, 3; communicants added, 1, died or removed, 2, present number, 18; marriages, 4; burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 52, and on other occasions in the surrounding neigbourhood, about 15, total, 67; children catechised on the first Sunday in each month; Sunday school, 1; teachers 6, pupils, 30; Bible class, 1, members, 10; collections, Convention fund, 2 37, missionary and other purposes, 9 50, total, $11 87.

Church edifice under contract.

Report of the Rev. E. Neville, Rector of St. Philip's church, Spring Garden, Philadelphia county.

Congregation, families, 231; baptisms, adults, 9, infants, 21, total, 30; confirmed, 13; communicants, added, 21, died or removed, 3, present number, 318; marriages, 23; burials, 5; public services, on Sundays, 108, other days, 130, total, 238; children catechised, 6; Sunday schools, male, 2, teachers 19, pupils, 210, female, 2, teachers, 19, pupils, 225, total, schools, 4, teachers, 38, pupils, 435; Bible classes, 2, members, 50; collections, Episcopal fund, $50 00, missionary and other purposes, $3323 69, total, $3373 69.

Report of the Rev. George W. Natt, Rector of St. John's Church, Bellefonte, Centre county.

Congregation, adults, 74, children, 80, total, 154; baptisms, infants, 9; communicants, added, 2, removed, 3, present number, 32; marriages, 2; public services, on Sundays, 90; other days, 51, total, 141; children catechised monthly, 40; Sunday school, 1, teachers, 7, pupils, 40; collections, Episcopal fund, $7 25, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, 17 00, missionary and other purposes, 149 86.

In addition to these collections, the Ladies Sewing circle has raised $225 00 for Church expenses, a part of this sum being appropriated to aid in the erection of a tower, and $300 00 have been subscribed to pay off all the debts of the congregation.

The gift of God which cannot be purchased with money, has not, we humbly trust, been withheld by Him, whose property is always to have mercy.

Report of the Rev. J. P. Nash, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phœnixville, Chester county.

Congregation, families, 25, adults, 70, children, 67, total, 137; baptisms, infants, 17; confirmed, 4; communicants, added, 7, died or removed, 2, present number, 15; marriage, 1; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 58; other days, 9, total, 67; children catechised, occasionally; Sunday school, 1, male teachers, 3, pupils, 27, female teachers, 5, pupils, 33, total, teachers, 8, pupils, 60; collections, missionary and other purposes, $42 60.

Report of the Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, 900; baptisms, adults, 7, infants, 21, total, 28; confirmed, 20; communicants, added, 26, died or removed, 6, present number, 400; marriages, 16; burials, 20; public services on Sundays, 104, other days, 120, total, 224; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 13, pupils, 100, female, 1, teachers, 20, pupils, 130, infant, 1, pupils, 100, total schools, 3, teachers, 33, pupils, 330; Bible classes, 3, members, 250; collections, Convention fund, $25 00, missionary and other purposes, 2050 00; total, $2075 00.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Herbert Norris, Rector of St. John's Church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

Baptisms, infants, 11; confirmed, 7; communicants, added, 5, died 1, removed, 3, present number, 47; burial, 1; divine service celebrated twice each Sunday, once on each holy day, and on the Ember days—daily in Passion week, and twice during the other weeks of Lent. The children are catechised monthly in the church. Sunday school, 1, teachers, 3, pupils, about 25; collections, Episcopal fund, $10 00, missionary and other charities, 222 29, total, $232 29.

Report of the Rev. Wm. H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Philada.

Congregation, families, 240; baptisms, adults, 11, infants, 59, received infant baptized in private, 1, total, 71; confirmed, 25; communicants added, 31, died or removed, 3, present number, 386; marriages, 12; burials, 20; public services, on Sundays, 108, on Holy days, 89, on other days, 598, total, 795; holy communion celebrated 32 times; children catechised, monthly; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 12, pupils, 79; female, 1, teachers, 29, pupils, 156; infant, 1, teachers, 9, pupils, 119; catechetical classes, 2, teachers, 2, pupils 29; Bible class, 1, teacher, 1, pupils, 23; day school, 1, teachers, 2, pupils, 120; adult school, 1, teachers, 12, pupils, 40; collections, Bishop's fund, $150 00, Convention fund, 75 00, Soc. for Adv. of Christianity, 400 00, Bible committee, 90 00, General Theological Seminary, 50 00, Bishop White Prayer Book Society, 97 00, Female Prayer Book Society, 50 00, for the poor in Europe, 1000 00, missionary and other benevolent purposes, 2030 09, total, $3942 09; amount contributed at the offertory

on Sundays, 1427 95, do. do. on Holy days, 682 10, distributed in charities specially parochial, 596 73.

On the 6th of April, being Tuesday in Easter-week, the Right Reverend, the Bishop of the Diocese, admitted the Rev. Samuel Moorhouse to the order of Priesthood, in St. Peter's Church, where, since March 6, 1846, he had discharged the office of a deacon, assisting the Priest in divine service, &c. &c., as provided in the ordinal.

The Church is open for the Morning and Evening prayer, daily throughout the year: for the Litany, separately, at 12 o'clock every Wednesday and Friday during Lent; and for the celebration of the Lord's Supper on every Holy day, as also on the first Sunday in the month, and on Easter-day, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday and Thanksgiving day.

In this report there is included under the head of 'Collections,' such moneys *only* as have been contributed at the public collections in the Church.

Report of the Rev. Frederick Ogilby, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults, 2, children, 37, total, 39; confirmed, 13; communicants, added, 22, died or removed, 9; marriages, 2; burials, 6; public services, on Sundays, 117, other days, 92, total, 219; children catechised in Church publicly, 6 times; Sunday school, teachers, 20, scholars, 186; Bible class, teacher, 1, scholars, 7.

The rector of this parish was, with the permission of the Bishop, absent in Europe during five months of this year, from May to November. During his absence the parish was almost entirely supplied by the gratuitous and most acceptable services of the Rev. Charles Williams, D. D. On his voyage, the rector performed the burial service at sea twice, and held public service five times. In the Church of Ireland, he officiated several times, and was there received, as American Clergymen ever are, with the greatest kindness and attention.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Preston, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburg, Alleghany County.

Congregation, families, 107; baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 11, total, 13; confirmed, 23; communicants, added, 27, died or

removed, 12, present number, 192; marriages, 12; burials, 9; children catechised, 3; Sunday schools, 2, teachers, 28, pupils, about 350; Bible class, 1, members, 30; collections, missionary and other benevolent purposes, $365 00, paid on Church debt about $1600 00.

Report of the Rev. W. S. Perkins, Rector of St. James Church, Bristol, Bucks County.

Congregation, families, 65, total, 65; baptisms, infants, 14, total, 14; communicants, added, 6, present number, 65; marriages, 3; burials, 12; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 52, total, 156; Sunday school, 1, teachers, 14, pupils, 100; collections, total, $95 00.

Report of the Rev. A. Prior, Rector of St. David's Church, Manayunk, Philadelphia County.

Congregation, about 400; baptisms, adults, 9, infants, 46, total, 55; communicants, added, 10, died or removed, 1, present number, 57; marriages, 14; burials, 50; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 16, total, 120; children catechised, 140; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 7, pupils, 85; female, 1, teachers, 12, pupils, 120; total, schools, 2, teachers, 19, pupils, 205; Bible class, 1, members, 22.

Since the date which closes the above report, a confirmation has been held, and nineteen persons confirmed. The prospects of the parish are encouraging. The pews are generally taken, and the attendance on public worship comparatively large and increasing. No collections have been taken during the past year for church objects in general. All our collections have been absorbed in defraying the current expenses of the Church, in supporting the numerous poor in our midst, and improving the church edifice and grounds connected therewith. In another year we hope to contribute to the various objects contemplated by our church arrangements, for the spread of the gospel in other places.

Report of the Rev. Thomas H. Quinan, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Southwark, Philadelphia County.

Baptized during the year, 69 infants, and 5 adults: in all 74: were confirmed, 11; present number of communicants, 184; attendance on funerals, 22 adults, and 20 children, in all 42.

It is a pleasing evidence of church attachment that three-fourths of the congregation were baptized in the Protestant Episcopal Church. This fact speaks loudly the propriety of attending to infant baptism within her pale. The number of the confirmed is less than former years, though in proportion to the extent of the congregation, and when compared with the declension visible elsewhere, is as large as we ought to expect. The communion list has decreased in number. Our average removals have been about 50. It is with reluctance we report a very great decline in spiritual matters. It is hoped that we may see greater results from the preaching of the Gospel, than the past year exhibits. We have still to complain of the want of suitable church room.

Report of the Rev. J. Reynolds, Rector of Trinity Church, Carbondale, Luzerne County.

Congregation, families, 40, adults, 80, children, 80, total, 160; baptisms, adult, 1, infants, 6, total, 7; confirmed, 7; communicants, added, 3, died or removed, 2, present number, 40; marriages, 7; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 144, other days, 26, total, 170: children catechised, 15, times, 6; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 2, pupils, 40; female, 1, teachers, 9, pupils, 20; total, schools, 2, teachers, 11, pupils, 60; Bible class, 1, members, 12; collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $2 00, missionary and other purposes, 298 00, Christmas fund, 3 00, Female Prayer Book and Tract Society, 3 00, relief fund for destitute Irish and Scotch, 42 00, total, $348 00.

This report is from November, 1846, the date when the present rector took charge of the congregation. The fluctuating character of the population renders it difficult to present a *precise* statement of the congregation and schools. Great exertions have been used to relieve the Church from a debt resting upon it, from the expense of erecting the building, which, by the blessing of God have proved successful, and the ladies are now using strenuous efforts to provide a parsonage. The attendance on public worship is encouraging, and the responses are usually made by a majority of the congregation. Could missionary aid be afforded, several congregations might be formed in this neighbourhood, and the Church in Dundaff, (formerly very

flourishing, but for several years past unprovided with our services) would be easily resuscitated.

Report of the Rev. J. M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity Church, Easton, Northampton County.

Baptisms, adult 1, infants, 14, total, 15; confirmed, 3; communicants, added, 5, died or removed, 3, present number, 44; marriages, 6; burials, 5; public services, on Sundays, 88, other days, 24, total, 112; children catechised, 36, times, 40; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 2, pupils, 16; female, 1, teachers, 3, pupils, 20; total, schools, 2, teachers, 4, pupils, 36; collections, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $10 00, missionary and other purposes, 560 00, total, $570 00.

Owing to a severe attack of bilious fever last summer, I was not able to attend divine service as regularly as usual, but my pulpit was often supplied by my kind brethren of New Jersey, the Rev. Messrs. Clarkson, Jaques, Moore and Adams.

Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, Philadelphia County.

Communicants, added, 22, died or removed, 9, total 139; baptisms, adults, 10, children, 14; total, 24; confirmed, 14; marriages, 6; burials, 9; Sunday school, pupils, 140, teachers, 15; congregation numbers about 450; collections and contributions, for missions, $300 00, other benevolent objects, 300 00.

The vestry are engaged in erecting a steeple, to cost $1600; a fine bell has been presented by a gentleman of the congregation, and a suitable clock has also been procured for it. These will all require an outlay of $2200 00, most of which amount has been already raised.

Report of the Rev. A. B. Hard, Rector of St. Martin's Church, Marcus Hook, Delaware County.

Congregation, families, 65; baptisms, children, 11, adult, 1; confirmed, 1; communicants, added, 3, died, 2, removed, 2, present number, 73; marriages, 4; burials, 4; Sunday schools, 2, scholars, 80; contributions, Domestic missions, $22 00, for the suffering Scotch and Irish, 40 22, Episcopal fund, 8 00, Convention fund, 5 00.

Report of the Rev. G. W. Ridgley, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Chester, Delaware County.

Congregation, families, 55; baptisms, adults, 2, children, 15; confirmed, 7; communicants, added, 6, removed, 1, present number, 45; Sunday schools, 2, scholars, 60, teachers, 6; collections, Domestic missions, $15 00, for suffering Scotch and Irish, 32 78, Episcopal fund, 11 56, Convention fund, 5 00. In addition to the above, the ladies of the congregation have raised $200 00, for the erection of a new church.

Report of the Rev. K. J. Stewart, Rector of Trinity Church, New Haven.

Baptisms, adults, 10, infants, 9, total, 19; confirmed, 8; communicants last reported, 16, added, 16, removed, 1, died, 2, present number, 29; marriages, 3; burial, 1; public services, on Sundays, 107, other days, 144, total, 251; number of miles traveled, 2359; visits made, 510; families, 41; 1 Sunday school, and 1 parochial school, which are in a flourishing condition; alms, $186 52.

Report of the Rev. Joseph H. Smith, Jr., for Calvary Church Mission, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, adults, 5, children, 16, total, 21; confirmed, 1; marriages, 4; burials, 7; public services, on Sundays, 78, other days, 37, total, 115; children catechised, 15 times; Sunday school, 1, children, 130, teachers, 25; collections, for the destitute in Great Britain, $18 29, other purposes (made at the door of the mission room,) 45 78, total, $64 07.

The objects contemplated in our efforts, are twofold: first, to rear a monument to the memory of our dearly cherished Bishop White; and secondly, to provide, by means of this our monumental church, a place where all classes of mankind, the poor, as well as the more prosperous, may be permitted to partake *freely* of the blessings of the gospel of Christ. *All* the sittings of Calvary Church are to be FOREVER FREE.

To provide funds for the erection of such a noble monument to our first Diocesan, the Ladies' Missionary Association of Christ Church, Philadelphia, have for more than a year past laboured assiduously in soliciting contributions from *all* within their reach, who have the heart to aid in extending the blessings of the gospel of salvation to the destitute and careless. A kind

Providence has smiled upon their labours, and they can now report upwards of six thousand dollars received, and pledged by responsible persons, in sums of one hundred dollars and under. This is about one-third of the amount required to effect our object. We confidently appeal for support and encouragement to the liberality of those who now are reaping the benefits of Bishop White's wise and judicious counsels.

The preceding report shows in brief, the public results which have attended the establishment of stated religious services, on a site near which the contemplated Church is to be built. Public worship was here begun in a sail loft, on the evening of August 9th, 1846. Service was held once only on Sunday, until September 6th, when a Sunday morning service was attempted with encouraging success, and has together with the evening worship been uninterruptedly continued. Service and a lecture upon Wednesday and Thursday evenings also have been attended with more than anticipated success. The congregations assembling on these several occasions in every week, vary in numbers from fifteen or twenty to two hundred persons and more.

The collections are made at the door of the mission room, where a box is placed to receive the voluntary gifts of those who attend the services.

It has been deemed proper *not* to ask for contributions to objects beyond our own mission, save on the one occasion of general collections made in behalf of the famishing across the water. Our own mission needs all the funds which can be procured in our present unostentatious way of obtaining them.

Report of the Rev. Barclay A. Smith, Rector of Trinity Church, in the Borough of Athens, Bradford county.

Congregation, families, 31, adults, 85, children, 68, total, 153; communicants, died or removed 1, present number, 23; marriage, 1; burial, 1; public services, on Sundays, 40, other days, 2, total, 42; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 2, pupils, 13, female, 1, teachers, 9, pupils, 28, total, schools, 2, teachers, 11, pupils, 41; Bible class, 1, members, 6.

The present Rector took charge of Trinity Church, Athens, on the 6th of December last, and the report only includes those

services and labours performed since that period. Sent under the auspices and supported by the funds of the male missionary society of Grace Church, Phila., and the parish being much in want of a building suitable for divine service, all the funds of the parish have been, and will be devoted to that object, and for this reason no collections have been made for other purposes. The Sunday school was only begun about three months since, and it has been difficult on account of the muddy walking and stormy weather, to do much in getting the children of the place together, but the schools are on the increase, and bid fair to be the instruments of much good.

Report of the Rev. O. Evans Shannon, Rector of Grace church, Honesdale, Wayne county.

Congregation, families, 45, adults, 135, children, 76, total, 211; baptisms, infants, 13; communicants, added, 7, died or removed, 2, present number, 64; marriages, 3; burials, 13; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 6, total, 110; in addition to the above, I have preached in Bethany 7 times, in Canaan once, and in Texas once. Children catechised, 20, times, 2; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 4, pupils, 33, female, 1, teachers, 6, pupils, 55, total, schools, 2, teachers, 10, pupils, 88; Bible class, 1, members, 10; collections, Episcopal fund, $8 00, Convention fund, 10 00, for the relief of Ireland, forwarded to New York, 85 00, missionary and other purposes, 40 00, total, $143 00.

Report of the Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity Church, Oxford township, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults, 11, infants, 15, total, 26; confirmed, 12; communicants, about 28; marriages, 9; burials, 23; public services, on Sundays, in the morning at the Church, afternoon at four different school-houses, alternately; children catechised, 7, every morning in the Church before public worship; Sunday school, 1, teachers, 2, pupils, 11; collections, Episcopal fund, $4 65, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, 33 45, Domestic Missions, 34 90, Convention fund, 5 41, for the relief of the Scotch and Irish, upwards of thirty dollars.

In Frankford I baptized 9 children from May, 1846, up to the time the Rev. H. S. Spackman commenced his services in St.

Mark's Church. These are not included in my report for Trinity Church. Immediately subsequent to his election, I devoted my attention to the school-houses, within walking distance of the Oxford Church, and so far, have been encouraged to persevere in performing Sunday evening services in them. We continue to hope that our ancient Church will be permitted to survive her several amputations.

Report of the Rev. T. A. Starkey, Deacon.

Since my ordination on the 21st of last February, I have been engaged under the supervision of the Rev. Wm. C. Cooley, Rector of Trinity Church, Pottsville, in the effort to establish missionary stations in the mining districts of Schuylkill county. At one of the points selected, (St. Clair,) a rapidly growing village, five miles N. E. of Pottsville, a suitable place for holding services has been obtained, and the long deferred effort to benefit our mining population, gives encouraging tokens of success. The same may be said of the station at Woodside, seven miles N. W. of Pottsville, where services were first established by the self-denying exertions of Mr. Cooley, and where a considerable congregation and a large Sunday school are the gratifying result of God's blessing upon his labours. There is one other point—near the Delaware Company's mines, which will be regularly visited so soon as the school-house, now building, shall be ready to admit us, and there are many other points in this region which would seem to hold out encouraging prospects to a zealous and judicious missionary.

I have read, and assisted in reading the public prayers, 35 times, have aided in distributing the Holy Communion 3 times, have administered holy baptism to one infant, have assisted at 4 burials, and preached on 20 different occasions.

Report of the Rev. S. C. Stratton.

Since the last Convention, I have officiated on more than 40 different occasions; preached 36 sermons; baptized 2 children; administered the Holy Communion 5 times; assisted in its administration 6 times; made 6 visits to the sick, and attended 1 funeral. Having had much sickness in my family, and having suffered much in the way of personal bereavement, during the past year, I have done less than I should wish to do, under ordinary circumstances.

Report of the Rev. Richard Smith.

In making my report for the last year, I am sorry to state that through illness I have been unable to perform much duty, though I have on several occasions held service at my old parish at Springville; and did hope and fully intend, by divine permission to have fully engaged according to my strength in the duties of the ministry. This year since March, I have had a return and been so unwell that the physician considers it needful that I rest some time longer. I have raised $3 00 for the Convention fund.

Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's Church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

Congregation, families, about 100; baptisms, infants, 8; confirmed, 3; communicants, added, 7, died or removed, 10, present number, 117; marriages, 14; burials, 21; public services, on Sundays, 95, other days, 40, total, 135; Sunday schools, 1, teachers, 30, pupils, 200; collections, Episcopal fund, $7 73, Convention fund, 5 53, missionary and other purposes, 700 00, total, 713 26.

During the past year a pretty thorough repair of the Church edifice has been effected.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Suddards, Rector of Grace Church, Philadelphia.

Congregation, families, 242, adults, 590, children, 572, total, 1162; baptisms, adults, 11, infants, 32, total, 43; confirmed, 16; communicants, added, 25, died or removed, 30, present number, 530; marriages, 17; burials, 13; public services, on Sundays, 104, other days, 100, total, 204; children catechised, 12, times, monthly; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 19, pupils, 164, female, 1, teachers, 29, pupils, 323, total, schools, 2, teachers, 48, pupils, 487; Bible classes, 3, members, 34; collections, Episcopal fund, $150 00, missionary and other purposes, 3660 00, total, 3810 00.

Report of the Rev. M. R. Talbot, Chaplain in the Navy of the United States.

My last report was made in 1844. In November of that year I was ordered by the Hon. Secretary of the Navy to report myself for duty to the Commander of the U. S. Sloop of War, Jamestown, Flag Ship of the African squadron, on board of which vessel I remained doing duty till her return to the United

States in August, 1846. During this time I preached regularly every Sabbath with scarce an exception. I administered the Lord's Supper upon several occasions, and baptized and admitted to the Communion, five officers of the Navy. The circumstances under which these sacraments were administered, were peculiarly solemn, from the fact that we were in the midst of the ocean, and it was, (as far as I know or can learn,) the first time either has been administered on board an American Man of War. It is a circumstance not perhaps unworthy of note, that of the Commanding Officers then attached to the African Squadron, no less than five of the seven are communicants of the Episcopal Church; in addition to these, several of inferior grade of the same Squadron, are also communicants of our Church.

In addition to the services before mentioned, I have baptized two children at Norfolk, Va., (one the daughter of an officer of the Navy,) two at Palmas, Grand Canary, four at Chester, Penn., also one adult (by immersion,) at Chester, Penn.

Besides my services on shipboard, I have frequently preached in the city of New York; in Belleville, Newark, Rahway and Princeton, New Jersey; in Radnor, Chester, Marcus Hook and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va. I have officiated at five funerals.

Report of the Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county.

Congregation, families, 62, adults, 152, children, 132, total, 284; baptisms, adults, 3, infants, 3, total, 6; confirmed, 7; communicants, added, 5, died, 1, present number, 52; marriage, 1; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays 52, other days, 11, total, 63; children catechised, frequently in the Sunday school; Sunday school, 1, teachers, 8, pupils, 40; collections, Episcopal fund, $3 03, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, 4 00, Foreign Missions, 5 00, Christmas fund for disabled clergymen, 3 00, for the aid of the Scotch and Irish poor, 26 42, for the Sunday school, 5 58, Convention fund, 3 37½, total, 50 38.

I entered upon my duties as Rector of this parish in the latter part of May last, and with the exception of a month's absence

for the purpose of removing my family, have officiated regularly during the year. While absent, the Church was kept open by the kindness of the Rev. Messrs. E. Y. Buchanan, W. J. Clark, and M. C. Lightner, who officiated for me. The congregation being widely scattered for several miles in different directions from the Church, I have found it very difficult to have as frequent services as I could wish. Now, however, that I have become acquainted with the ground I occupy, I intend to seek as frequent opportunities as possible of preaching the Word in the different neighbourhoods. The attendance at Church has been, for the most part, very good, and the prospects of the parish were never perhaps better than they are at present. The Sunday school is small, on account of the distance at which most of the families reside from the Church. An increased effort will however be made in its behalf during the coming season. An Association was held at the Church during three days, last summer, attended by the Rev. Dr. Bull and other clerical brethren in the neighbourhood, which has, I think, had a good effect. If I mistake not, there has been more seriousness and attention manifested during the services, and other more decided fruits have followed.

Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D. Rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburg, Alleghany County.

Baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 62, total, 64; confirmed, 35; communicants, added, 28, died or removed, 30, present number, 220; marriages, 15; burials, 22; public services, on Sun days, 100, other days, 55, total, 155; children catechised, 60, times, 10; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 6, pupils, 50; female, 1, teachers, 7, pupils, 75; total, schools, 2, teachers, 13, pupils, 125; collections, Episcopal fund, $80, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, $135, missionary and other purposes, $2414, total, $2629.

Report of the Rev. P. Van Pelt, Assistant Minister of the Church of the Epiphany.

Since the last Convention, I have performed divine service on 43 occasions; preached 23 times; baptized 13 children; officiated at 14 funerals; solemnized 4 marriages; made 470 parochial visits; and attended to my duties as Secretary of the Board of Missions.

Report of the Rev. John A. Vaughan.

Since my last annual report I have been employed, as there stated, in charge of the Pennsylvania Institution for the instruction of the blind, as principal. I have officiated occasionally in preaching, and also in reading the service, more especially at Grace Church in this city.

Report of the Rev. E. Woodward, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent, and St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook, Chester County.

St. Andrew's Church, West Vincent.

The congregation worshipping in this church, is composed of the members of about sixty families. One adult, and one infant have been baptized, and one adult confirmed; two communicants have been added, 2 have died, and 1 removed, making the present number 60. I have solemnized 7 marriages, and officiated at 4 funerals; 49 Sunday services have been held in the Church, and 9 on week days, including the Bishop's visitation on the 11th of February; and also an Association of Clergymen held on the 16th, 17th, and 18th of September, on which occasion, we enjoyed the valuable services of the Rev. Dr. Bull, Rev. Messrs. Clemson, Clark, Kirke, Mintzer, Hazlehurst, and Wm. H. Woodward, in all 58 services.

In this parish we have a Sunday school, in which are registered the names of about 100 children, the regular attendance however is considerably less.

The collections for the year are as follows:

For repairing and improving the Church, and parsonage property, and other expenses, $167 42, in aid of missions in Chester County, 15 00, Convention fund, 2 38, missionary and other purposes, 86 75. In aid of the suffering poor in Ireland, 7 79, making in all, $279 34.

St. Mark's Church, Honeybrook.

The congregation worshipping in this Church will probably average from 250 to 300. Two have been confirmed, and 2 added to the communion, making the present number 32. I have solemnized 2 marriages, and officiated at 1 funeral; 44 Sunday services have been held in the Church during the year, and 8 on week days, including the Bishop's visitation which was held on the 10th of February, and also an Association of

Clergymen, held on the 4th, 5th, and 6th of November, in which we were favoured with the ministerial labours of the Rev. Dr. Bull, and Rev. James A. Woodward, in all 52 services.

The collections in this Church for the year are as follows:

For the aid of missions in Chester County, 5 00, relief of the suffering poor in Ireland, 9 00, Convention fund, 2 06, missionary and other purposes, 158 48, total, $174 54.

Report of the Rev. W. H. Woodward, Rector of St. Paul's Church, West Whiteland, and of St. Peter's Church, Great Valley, Chester County.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, W. W.

Families, 40, adults, 110, children, 80, total, 190; baptisms, adult, 1; confirmed, 2; communicants, added, 2, died, 2, present number, about 50; burials, 4; public services, on Sundays, 60, other days, 2, total, 62; Sunday schools, male, 14, female, 32, total, 46; teachers, male, 3, female, 8, total, 11; collections, for the Convention fund, $2 00, African missions from the Sunday school, 3 07, Episcopal fund, 3 00, for Ireland, 13 00, other purposes, 3 00, total, $21 07.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, G. V.

Families, 30; communicants, 25; marriages, 2; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 45; Sunday schools, 2, male pupils, 14; female, 19, total, 33; teachers, male, 3; female, 4, total, 7; the rector assisted in teaching and catechising every other Sunday; collections, $4 00 for Ireland.

Report of the Rev. Wm. White, Rector of St. Peter's Church, in Butler, Butler County.

Congregation, families, 46, adults, 108, children, 60, total, 168; baptisms, children, 18; confirmed, 9; communicants, 50; marriages, 2; public services, on Sundays, 90, other days, 17, total, 107; Sunday school, 1, teachers, 2, children, 20; collections, Episcopal fund, $3 00, Christmas fund, 3 50, Convention fund, 3 40, other purposes, 14 56, total, 27 85.

Services have been also held at Greensburgh thrice on my return from Convention, when I officiated at a funeral; at Newcastle once, Wilmington once, Mercer once, Franklin once, and at Lawrenceburgh thrice, where I married a couple, and baptized 6 children.

Report of the Rev. C. Wiltberger, Rector of Grace Church, Hulmeville; St. Luke's Church, Newtown; St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville; and Trinity Church, Centreville, Buck's County.

Grace Church, Hulmeville.

Congregation, families, 14, adults, 35, children, 20, total, 55; communicants, died or removed, 2, added, 3, present number, 16; confirmed, 3; public services, on Sundays, 26, other days, 10, total, 36; collections, Advancement Society, $1 00, Convention fund, 50 cents, total, $1 50.

St. Luke's Church, Newtown.

Congregation, families, 15, adults, 50, children, 20, total, 70; baptisms, adults, 1, children, 3; total, 4; communicants, died or removed, 2, added, 1, present number, 9; Sunday school, 1, teachers, all female, 5, pupils, 40; Bible class, members, 16; public services, on Sundays, 28, other days, 16, total, 44; collections, Convention fund, $1 17, Advancement Society, 1 00, total, 2 17.

St. Andrew's Church, Yardleyville.

Congregation, families, 18, adults, 50, children, 30, total, 80; baptisms, adults, 2, children, 4, total, 6; confirmed, 3; communicants, added, 3, present number, 14; burials, 2; marriage, 1; Sunday school, male and female, teachers all female, 6, pupils, 40; public services, on Sundays, 43, other days, 30, total, 73; collections, Advancement Society, $1 00.

Trinity Church, Centreville.

Congregation, families, 12, adults, 40, children, 30, total, 70; communicants, added, 4, died or removed, 4, present number, 8; burial, 1; public services, on Sundays, 33; Sunday school, male and female, teachers, 5, pupils, 50; Bible class, members, 10; collections, Advancement Society, $1 50. On the whole, I have been more encouraged the past year.

Report of the Rev. H. H. Weld.

The undersigned, since his admission to Deacon's orders, in November last, has had no stated charge. But in conformity with the canon which requires the report of occasional services, he would state, that on every Sunday, and on other occasions

he has been engaged, either in vacant parishes, or in the assistance of Clergymen, principally in this Diocese.

Report of the Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's Church, West Philadelphia, Philadelphia County.

Congregation, families, 50, adults, 130, children, 100, total, 230; baptisms, adults, 5, infants, 14, total, 19; confirmed, 12; communicants, added, 11, removed, 16, present number, 91; marriages, 6; burials, 5; public services, on Sundays, 95, other days, 24, total, 119; Sunday schools, male teachers, 3, female teachers, 8, pupils, 80; a school for colored persons is taught on Sunday afternoons. Collections, Episcopal fund, $20 68, Convention fund in 1846, 10 00, in 1847, 14 07, total, 24 07; Christmas fund, 6 09, for the aid of the sufferers in Ireland and Scotland, 66 35, domestic missions, 35 51, for enlargement of the Church building, 660 72, total, $813 42.

This parish continues in a prosperous condition. The enlargement of the church building was completed last fall, and has materially added to the convenience and beauty of our house of worship.

LIST OF THE CONGREGATIONS

OF THE

DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Adams County.

Christ church, Huntingdon township.

Allegheny County.

Trinity church, City of Pittsburg.
St. Andrew's church, City of Pittsburg.
Christ church, Allegheny.
St. John's church, Lawrenceville.
St. Paul's church, Laceyville.

Armstrong County.

St. Paul's church, Kittaning.
Trinity church, Freeport.

Beaver County.

Georgetown church, Georgetown.
St. Paul's church.
St. Peter's church, Beaver Falls.

Berks County.

St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin.
Christ church, Reading.
St. Thomas' church, Morgantown.

Bradford County.

St. Matthew's church, Pike.
Christ church, Towanda.
St. Paul's church, Troy.

Bucks County.

St. James the Greater's church.
St. Luke's church, Newtown.
St. Andrew's church, Yardleyville.
Grace church, Hulmeville.
Trinity church, Centreville.
St. Paul's Church, Doylestown.

Butler County.

St. Peter's church, Butler.

Carbon County.

St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk.

Centre County.

Trinity church, Phillipsburg.
St. John's church, Bellefonte.

Chester County.

St. John's church, New London township.
St. Mary's church, Warwick township.
St. Peter's church, Great Valley.
St. John's church, Pequea.
St. Paul's church, West Whiteland township.
St. Andrew's church, West Vincent.
St. Mark's church, Honeybrook.
Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.
St. Peter's church, Phœnixville.
St. James' church, Downingtown.

Columbia County.

St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf township.
St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg.
Christ church, Madison, Jerseytown.
Christ church, Danville.
Trinity church, Orangeville.

Crawford County.

Christ church, Meadville.

Cumberland County.

St. John's church, Carlisle.

Dauphin County.

St. Stephen's ch., Harrisburg.

Delaware County.

St. Paul's church, Chester.
St. Martin's church, Lower Chichester towns'p. Marcus Hook.
St. John's church, Concord township.
St. David's church, Newtown township, Radnor.
Calvary church, Rockdale.

Erie County.

St. Paul's church, Erie.
St. Peter's church, Waterford.

Fayette County.

Christ church, Brownsville.
Grace church, Menalen.
St. Peters' church, Uniontown.
Trinity church, Connelsville.

Huntingdon County.

St. John's church, Huntingdon.
Christ church, Hollidaysburg.

Indiana County.

St. Peter's church, Blairsville.

Lancaster County.

St. James' church, Lancaster.
Christ church, Leacock.
Bangor church, Caernarvon township, Churchtown.
All Saints' Church, Paradise.

Luzerne County.

St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre.
Trinity church, Carbondale.

Lycoming County.

St. James' church, Muncy.
St. Mary's church, Jersey Shore.
Christ church, Williamsport.

Mifflin County.

St. Mark's church, Lewistown.

Montgomery County.

St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh township.
St. James church, Perkiomen township.
St. John's church, Norristown.
Christ church, Pottstown.
Swedes' church, Upper Merion.

Northampton County.

Trinity church, Easton.

Northumberland County.

St. Matthew's church, Sunbury.

Philadelphia county.

Christ church, Philadelphia.
St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.
St. James' church, Philadelphia.
St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.
St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.
St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.
Grace church, Philadelphia.
Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.
St. Luke's church, Philadelphia.
Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.
Church of the Atonement, Philadelphia.
St. John's church, Northern Liberties.
Advent church, Northern Liberties.
St. Mark's church, Moyamensing.
All Saints' church, Moyamensing.
Church of the Evangelists, Southwark.
Trinity church, Southwark.
Church of the Messiah, Southwark.
Gloria Dei church, Southwark.
Church of the Crucifixion.
St. Philip's church, Spring Garden.
Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden.
Church of the Redemption, Spring Garden.
Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond.
St. James' church, Kingsessing.
St. Matthew's church, Francisville.
St. James the Less church, North Penn township.
All Saints' church, Lower Dublin township.
Emanuel church, Holmesburg.
Trinity church, Oxford township.
St. Mark's church, Frankford.
St. Luke's church, Germantown.
St. Mark's church, Mantua, Blockley township.
Emanuel church, Kensington.
St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia.
St. David's church, Manayunk.

Schuylkill County.

Trinity church, Pottsville.
St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven.
St. Paul's church, Minersville.

Susquehanna County.

St. Andrew's church, Springville.
St. Mark's church, New Milford.
St. Paul's church, Montrose.

Tioga County.

St. Paul's church, Wellsborough.
Christ church, Blossburg.

Washington County.

Trinity church, Washington.

Wayne County.

Grace church, Honesdale, Dyberry Parish.
Truth church, Bethany.
St. John's church, Salem.

Westmoreland County.

Christ church, Greensburg.

York County.

St. John's church.

LIST OF THE CLERGY

CANONICALLY RESIDENT IN THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

MAY 20th, 1847.

The Right Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D., Bishop, Philadelphia.

Rev. Joseph Adderly, Missionary in Wayne township, Armstrong county.

Rev. William Adderly, Missionary at Fallstown, and St. Pauls, Beaver county.

Rev. George Allen, Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Rev. Thomas G. Allen, Missionary in the city and county of Philadelphia.

Rev. Breed Batcheller, Rector of St. David's church, Radnor.

Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, Rector of All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, and Christ Chapel, Oak Grove. P. O. Bridgwater, Bucks county.

Rev. James Bonnar, Philadelphia.

Rev. William H. Bourns, Rector of Emanuel church, Holmesburg, Philadelphia county.

Rev. Samuel Bowman, D.D., Rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

Rev. George Boyd, D.D., Rector of St. John's church, N. Liberties, Philadelphia.

Rev. Chas. Breck, Missionary at Wellsboro', Tioga county.

Rev. S. C. Brinckle, Rector of St. James' church, Kingsessing, Philadelphia county.

Rev. Edw. Y. Buchanan, Rector of Christ church, Leacock, and All Saints' church, Paradise, Lancaster county. P. O. Paradise.

Rev. Levi Bull, D.D., Rector of St. Mary's church, Warwick, and St. Thomas' church, Morgantown. P. O. Marsh, Chester county.

Rev. Wm. M. Carmichael, D.D., Rector of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

Rev. Wm. J. Clark, Rector of Christ church, Williamsport.

Rev. R. B. Claxton, Chaplain of the Diocesan School, and Assistant Minister of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

Rev. Jehu C. Clay, D.D., Rector of the Swedes' church, Gloria Dei, Southwark.

Rev. J. B. Clemson, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester.

Rev. J. Howland Coit, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg.

Rev. John Coleman, D.D., Rector of Trinity church, Philadelphia.

Rev. John B. Colhoun, M.D., residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Asa S. Colton, Rector of Christ church, Towanda, Bradford county.

Rev. Wm. C. Cooley, Rector of Trinity church, Pottsville.

Rev. Charles D. Cooper, Rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre.

Rev. Samuel Cowell, Rector of Christ church, Brownsville.

Rev. Thos. Crumpton, Rector of Christ church, Allegheny. P. O. Pittsburg.

Rev. Robt. Davis, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Thos. J. Davis, Philadelphia.

Rev. Wm. N. Diehl, Missionary at Whitemarsh, Montgomery county. P. O. Germantown.

Rev. Benjamin Dorr, D.D., Rector of Christ church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. William Douglass, Rector of St. Thomas' (African) church, Philadelphia.

Rev. G. C. Drake, Rector of St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven.

Rev. Henry W. Ducachet, D.D., Rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Chas. M. Dupuy, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Geo. E. Durborow, Missionary at the Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia.

Rev. Samuel Durborrow, Deacon, officiating as Missionary at large in the Diocese of Maine.

Rev. Heman Dyer, President of Western University.

Rev. Geo. C. Fields, Minister of St. John's church, Huntingdon.

Rev. Wm. Flint, M. D., Rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, Erie county.

Rev. Colley A. Foster, Missionary at Muncy, Lycoming county.

Rev. James H. Fowles, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia.

Rev. Caleb I. Good, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Richard D. Hall, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Anson B. Hard, Rector of St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook.

Rev. Nathaniel Sayre Harris, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden.

Rev. G. Emlen Hare, D.D., Rector of St. Matthew's church, Francisville, Philadelphia county, and Principal of the Prot. Epis. Academy, Philadelphia.

Rev. Samuel Hazlehurst, Rector of the Church of the Messiah, Port Richmond.

Rev. Henry T. Hiester, Rector of St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

Rev. William J. Hilton, Missionary at Kittanning and Freeport, Armstrong county.

Rev. William S. Hinds, Philadelphia.

Rev. John W. Hoffman, Missionary at York, York county.

Rev. Geo. P. Hopkins, Missionary at Doylestown, and parts adjacent. P. O. Germantown.

Rev. Marmaduke Hirst, Missionary at Minersville, Schuylkill county.

Rev. M. A. De Wolfe Howe, Rector of St. Luke's church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Benjamin S. Huntington, Rector of Calvary church, Rockdale. P. O., Village Green, Delaware.

Rev. Jos. Jaquett, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. Edward C. Jones, officiating as Missionary in Moyamensing.

Rev. Norris M. Jones, Rector of St. Peter's church, Uniontown.

Rev. John J. Kerr, Rector of Advent Church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

Rev. George Kirke, Rector at New London X Roads, and West Marlborough, Chester county. P. O., Downingtown, Chester county.

Rev. Freeman Lane, Missionary at Troy, Bradford county.

Rev. Edmund Leaf, Rector of Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county, and St. Gabriel's church, Douglassville, (Morlattin,) Berks county.

Rev. Edward N. Lightner, Rector of Christ (Swedes',) church, Upper Merion, Montgomery county.

Rev. John Long, Missionary at Montrose, and New Milford, Susquehannah county.

Rev. Milton C. Lightner, Missionary at Danville and parts adjacent, Columbia county.

Rev. Samuel T. Lord, Missionary at Bloomsburg, Columbia county.

Rev. James G. Lyons, LL.D., Philadelphia.

Rev. David H. Macurdy, Rector of St. James the Less' church, Schuylkill Falls.

Rev. John H. Marsden, Missionary, Adams county. P. O. York Springs.

Rev. B. Augustus Marple, Rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, (Columbia county.)

Rev. John Gordon Maxwell, Rector of Emmanuel church, Kensington, Philadelphia.

Rev. John J. McElhinny, residing in Pittsburg.

Rev. Edward Mendenhall, Missionary at Salem, Wayne county.

Rev. Alex. G. Mercer, Deacon.

Rev. Tobias Harpur Michell, M. D., Missionary at Waterford, Erie county.

Rev. Geo. Mintzer, Rector of St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county. P. O. Perkiomen Bridge.

Rev. Saml. Moorhouse, Missionary in Southwark.

Rev. Richard U. Morgan, D.D., Rector of Christ church, Reading.

Rev. Henry E. Montgomery, Rector of All Saints' church, Moyamensing.

Rev. B. Wistar Morris, Rector of St. Matthew's church, Sunbury.

Rev. Henry J. Morton, D.D., Rector of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

Rev. J. P. Nash, Rector of St. Peter's church, Phœnixville.

Rev. G. W. Natt, Missionary at Belle Fonte, Centre county.

Rev. E. Neville, Rector of St. Philip's church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Richard Newton, Rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

Rev. W. H. Norris, Rector of St. John's church, Carlisle.

Rev. Wm. H. Odenheimer, Rector of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Fred'k. Ogilby, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia.

Rev. W. S. Perkins, Rector of St. James' church, Bristol.

Rev. Wm. Preston, Rector of St. Andrew's church, Pittsburg.

Rev. Azariah Prior, Rector of St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county.

Rev. Thos. H. Quinan, Rector of the Church of the Evangelists, Philadelphia.

Rev. John Reynolds, Rector of Trinity church, Carbondale.

Rev. Greenbury W. Ridgely, Rector of St. Paul's church, Delaware county.

Rev. John Rodney, jr., Rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

Rev. Joshua M. Rogers, Rector of Trinity church, Easton.

Rev. Peter Russell, Missionary at Mauch Chunk, Carbon county.

Rev. Owen Evans Shannon, Rector of Grace church, Honesdale.

Rev. Oliver A. Shaw, Philadelphia.

Rev. George Sheets, Rector of Trinity church, Oxford, Philadelphia county. P. O., Frankford, Philadelphia county.

Rev. Barclay A. Smith, Deacon, Missionary at Athens, Bradford county.

Rev. Joseph H. Smith, Deacon, Missionary in the Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.

Rev. W. W. Spear.

Rev. Henry S. Spackman, Rector of St. Mark's church, Frankford.

Rev. Thos. A. Starkey, Missionary in the mining districts near Pottsville.

Rev. Nathan Stem, Rector of St. John's church, Norristown.

Rev. K. J. Stewart, Missionary at Connelsville and parts adjacent, Fayette county.

Rev. Saml. C. Stratton, residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. William Suddards, Rector of Grace church, Philadelphia.

Rev. Wm. L. Suddards, Deacon, Rector of Bangor church, Churchtown.

Rev. Mortimer R. Talbot, Chaplain in U. S. Navy.

Rev. Henry Tullidge, Rector of St. John's church, Pequea.

Rev. Geo. Upfold, D.D., Rector of Trinity church, Pittsburg.

Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Assistant to the Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, and Secretary of the Board of Missions, Philadelphia.

Rev. John A. Vaughan, D.D., Principal of the Institution of the Blind, Philadelphia.

Rev. H. Hastings Weld, Rector of St. James' church, Downingtown.

Rev. Wm. White, Missionary at Butler, and parts adjacent.

Rev. Bird Wilson, D.D., LL.D., Professor in the General Theological Seminary, New York.

Rev. Christian Wiltberger, jr., Missionary at Yardleyville, Centreville, Hulmeville, and Newtown, Bucks county.

Rev. Charles Williams, D.D., residing in Philadelphia.

Rev. W. H. Woodward, Rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley. P. O., Warren tavern, Chester county.

Rev. Enos Woodward, Rector of St. Andrew's, West Vincen, and St. Mark's, Honeybrook.

Rev. Thomas C. Yarnall, Rector of St. Mary's church, Hamiltonville, Philadelphia county.

The foregoing list, containing the names of one hundred and twenty-seven clergymen, is corrected to this date.

In conformity with Canon XIV., Sec. 1.

ALONZO POTTER.

Philadelphia, May 19th, 1847.

Dr. The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

1846					Doll.	C.
May	20	To balance due Treasurer per last account,			23	03
		To cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, expenses on Episcopal visitations,			279	79
	21	To cash paid Rev. Dr. Upfold, travelling expenses,		$20 00		
		" " M. C. Lightner,	do.	13 50		
		" " J. H. Marsden,	do.	8 00		
		" " Geo. W. Natt,	do.	14 00		
		" " Geo. C. Drake,	do.	10 00		
		" " J. W. Rogers,	do.	8 00		
		" " O. E. Shannon,	do.	13 50		
		" " H. Y. Tullidge,	do.	5 00		
		" " R. B. Claxton,	do.	9 50		
		" " Charles Breck,	do.	14 00		
		" " E. Woodward,	do.	2 00		
		" " S. T. Lord,	do.	10 00		
		" " Wm. White,	do.	17 00		
		" " E. Mendenhall,	do.	6 50		
		" " H. T. Hiester	do.	9 00		
		" " A. S. Colton,	do.	14 00		
		" " Wm. J. Clarke,	do.	1 50		
		" " Wm. Hilton,	do.	14 00		
		" " M. Hirst,	do.	5 00		
		" " J. B. Hoffman,	do.	4 50		
		" " R. U. Morgan,	do.	3 00		
		" " P. Russell,	do.	6 00		
		" " E. Leaf,	do.	2 50		
		" " E. Y. Buchanan,	do.	2 00		
		" " Geo. Kirke,	do.	1 00		
					213	50
		Amount carried forward,			516	32

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer. Cr.

1846					Doll.	C.
May	20	By cash contribution,	St. Peter's church, Philadelphia,		50	00
	21	" "	St. Andrew's church, do.		40	00
		" "	Grace church, do.		50	00
		" "	St. Philip's church, do.		60	00
		" "	St. Luke's church, do.		50	00
		" "	St. Paul's church, do.		15	00
		" "	Advent church, do.		10	39
		" "	St. Matthew's church, do.		10	00
		" "	Gloria Dei church, do.		10	00
		" "	St. Mary's church, Hamilton,		10	00
		" "	St. John's church, Norristown,	$6 35		
		" "	Christ church, Allegheny,	6 50		
		" "	Trinity church, Pittsburgh,	20 00		
		" "	Christ church, Reading,	5 00		
		" "	Grace church, Honesdale,	5 00		
		" "	St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg,	6 00		
		" "	Trinity church, Easton,	5 00		
		" "	St. John's church, Bellefonte,	2 25		
		" "	St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	4 00		
		" "	Christ church, Huntingdon,	1 50		
		" "	Christ church, Danville,	6 82		
		" "	St. Paul's church, Erie,	5 00		
		" "	St. Stephen's ch. Wilkesbarre,	6 29		
		" "	Trinity church, Oxford,	5 00		
		" "	St. Paul's church, Wellsboro'	5 00		
		" "	St. Andrew's ch. West Vincent,	2 48		
		" "	St. Mark's church, Honeybrook,	2 46		
		" "	Trinity church, Orangeville,	1 32		
		" "	St. Mary's church, Warwick,	1 62		
		" "	St. Peter's church, Butler,	2 87		
		" "	St. John's church, Salem,	1 00		
		" "	St. Mark's church, Lewistown,	2 00		
		" "	Christ church, Towanda,	3 00		
		" "	Calvary church, Rockdale,	3 00		
		" "	Christ church, Pottstown,	2 00		
		" "	St. David's church, Radnor,	1 78		
		" "	Bangor, church, Churchtown,	4 00		
		" "	Grace church, Hulmeville,	1 00		
		" "	St. Andrew's ch. Yardleyville,	1 00		
		" "	St. Mark's ch. Mauch Chunk,	4 50		
		" "	Emanuel church, Holmesburg,	8 00		
		" "	St. Paul's ch. West Whiteland,	2 00		
		" "	St. Paul's church, Kittaning,	4 00		
		" "	Trinity church, Pottsville,	5 00		
		" "	St. James' church, Kingsessing,	7 00		
		" "	St. James' church, Muncy,	5 81		
		" "	St. Martin's ch. Marcus Hook,	5 00		
		" "	St. Paul's church, Minersville,	3 00		
		" "	St. James' church, Perkiomen,	5 61		
		" "	St. John's church, York,	1 75		
		" "	Holy Trinity, West Chester,	4 00		
					174	91
			Amount carried forward,		480	30

Dr. The Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in

			Doll.	C.
1846		Amount brought forward,	516	32
June 15	To cash paid	R. F. Hill, Sexton of St. Andrew's church, sundry expenses of the Convention in May,	30	96
	"	Geo. M. Wharton, Esq., Secretary of the Convention, postage, &c. &c.	5	00
July 11	"	King & Baird, for printing Journal of the Convention and five hundred extra copies of Bishop Potter's Address, &c.	176	29
Dec'r. 5	"	Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter, on account of travelling		
1847		expenses in Episcopal visitation,	100	00
Jan'ry. 31	"	Hogan & Thompson, for blank book for use of Standing Committee,	2	25
31	"	R. F. Hill, Sexton of St. Andrew's church, for services to the Committee,	8	00
May 11	To balance in the hands of the Treasurer,		90	65
			$929	47

We have examined the above account and found it correct.

HENRY J. MORTON,
J. C. CLAY.

May 11th, 1847.

Pennsylvania, in account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer. Cr.

			Doll.	C.
1846		Amount brought forward,	480	30
May	23	By cash contribution, Church of the Epiphany, Philadelphia,	50	00
	26	" " St. Stephen's church, do.	26	19
		" " St. James' church, Lancaster,	15	45
June	26	" " St. James church, Philadelphia,	83	82
July	1	" " Christ church, do.	50	00
August	8	" " St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	2	25
1847				
March	25	" " Trinity church, Southwark,	16	69
April	6	" " St. Luke's church, Philadelphia,	89	77
May	1	" " Church of the Epiphany, do.	50	00
	5	" " St. Stephen's church, do.	50	00
	10	" " Church of the Ascension, do.	15	00
			$929	47
	11	By balance brought down in the hands of the Treasurer,	$90	65

E. E. THOMAS ROBINS, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 11th, 1847.

Dr. Christmas Fund, for infirm and disabled Clergymen, &c.

1846			Doll.	C.
June 3	To cash paid Rev. Robert Davis, one quarter appropriation due 1st inst.		50	00
July 11	" " Robert Davis, one quarter appropriation paid in advance by order of Trustees,		50	00
August 8	" " Samuel T. Lord, half year's appropriation due 1st September next,		125	00
20	" " Richard Smith, one quarter appropriation due 1st inst.		50	00
Nov'r. 16	" transmitted through the Secretary to Rev. John J. McElhenny, being a special appropriation by the board,		75	00
Dec'r. 4	" paid Rev. Robert Davis, one quarter appropriation due 1st inst.		50	00
23	" " Richard Smith, one quarter appropriation due 1st November,		50	00
1847				
March 2	" " Robert Davis, one quarter appropriation due 1st inst.		50	00
8	" " Richard Smith, one quarter appropriation due 1st February,		50	00
April 17	" " S. T. Lord, half year's appropriation due 1st March last,		125	00
23	" " Richard Smith, one quarter appropriation due 1st May,		50	00
May 11	To balance carried down,		245	11
			$970	11

The Trustees of the Christmas Fund respectfully report that they have received during the past year four hundred and eighty dollars seventy-seven cents, of which four hundred and ten dollars twenty-seven cents was derived from collections and contributions, and seventy dollars fifty cents from interest on fifteen hundred dollars, which still remains invested in City of Philadelphia five per cent. stock. There is also in the Treasurer's hands a balance of two hundred and forty-five dollars eleven cents. Three Clergymen are now in receipt of aid from the fund to the extent of six hundred and fifty dollars per annum, and temporary assistance to the amount of seventy-five dollars, has been given to another.

No application has as yet been made for relief by the widows or children of deceased clergymen.

The attention of the Convention was called in the report of the Trustees last year to the fact, that out of one hundred and sixteen Parishes in the Diocese, but twenty-seven had contributed to the fund. They regret to state that the number has only increased during the past year to thirty, and the amount received is less by nearly two hundred dollars. The Trustees feel constrained again to call the attention of the Convention to the same subject, in the hope that some measure may be adopted to insure more liberal and general contributions—as under the Canon of the General Convention, the Rector of each Parish has the disposition of the funds collected at the celebration of the Communion, it is optional with him to appropriate them to this fund or otherwise.

The Trustees feel confident that the objects of the Trust are such as will command the generous support of the laity, if opportunity is afforded to all the members of the Church to contribute. They would therefore respectfully suggest to the Convention such a modification of the existing plan in respect to the annual collection, as may be conducive to this end.

By order and on behalf of the Trustees,

WM. H. NEWBOLD, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, May 17th, 1847.

In Account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer. Cr.

1846				Doll.	C.
May 6	By cash balance on hand per last account,			489	34
21	" contribution, St. Mark's ch. Lewistown,	$9	00		
	" " All Saint's ch. Oak Grove,	3	00		
	" " Advent ch. Philadelphia,	24	57		
	" " St. Paul's ch. Kittaning,	3	75		
	" " St. Paul's ch. Erie,	4	50		
	" " Christ ch. Towanda,	3	50		
	" " St. Peter's ch. Butler,	2	32		
26	" " St. James' ch. Lancaster,	22	31		
	" " Mrs. Camac, annual contribution,	5	00		
				77	95
July 3	" interest on investment,			35	25
Sept'r. 15	" contribution, St. Michael's ch. Armstrong,	2	00		
Dec'r. 31	" " St. Stephen's ch. Harrisburg,	12	00		
	" " Christ ch. Upper Merion,	4	00		
	" " Christ ch. Philadelphia,	45	30		
1847	" " St. Stephen's ch. do.	55	42		
Jan'y. 2	" " Gloria Dei ch. do.	7	50		
	" " St. James' ch. Perkiomen,	6	23		
	" " St. Paul's ch. Bloomsburg,	5	00		
	" " St. Luke's ch. Philadelphia,	35	60		
11	" " St. Peter's ch. do.	40	00		
12	" " St. James' ch. do.	25	00		
	" " Christ ch. Reading,	10	00		
20	" " Emanuel ch. Holmesburg,	6	25		
26	" " St. Mathew's ch. Sunbury,	10	00		
	" " St. James' ch. Muncy,	7	14		
	" " St. Paul's ch. Wellsboro',	5	00		
Feb'y. 9	" " St. James' ch. Schuylkill Haven,	6	89		
17	" " St. John's ch. Bellefonte,	6	00		
	" " Trinity ch. Southwark,	19	07		
20	" " Mrs. Markoe's annual contri'n.	5	00		
March 13	" " Trinity ch. Easton,	10	00		
April 5	" " Trinity ch. Carbondale,	3	00		
8	" " St. James' ch. Schuylkill Haven,	5	92		
				332	32
May 1	" interest on investment,			35	25
				$970	11
11	By balance in the hands of Treasurer,			$245	11

E. E.

THOMAS ROBINS, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 11th, 1847.

We have examined the above account, compared it with the vouchers and found it correct, the balance in the Treasurer's hands being two hundred and forty-five dollars and eleven cents, and the investments fifteen hundred dollars in city five per cents.

JNO. WELSH,
WM. H. NEWBOLD, } *Committee.*

Philadelphia, May 11th, 1847.

Dr. Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,

1846				Doll.	C.
	Cash paid Rt. Rev. Bishop Potter:				
August 23	To amount one quarter's salary, due this day,		$875 00		
Nov. 28	" on ac't. of quar. sal. due 23d inst.	$625 00			
Dec. 21	" in full of " "	250 00			
			875 00		
				1750	00
	Amount carried forward,			1750	00

In Account with John Welsh, Jr., Treasurer. Cr.

					Doll.	C.
1846						
May 15	By balance as per account submitted,				33	36
	Receipts from Parishes during the year:					
21	St. Paul's church, Wellsborough,		$ 6 00			
	St. Mary's church, Warwick,		7 75			
	St. Paul's church, Erie,		7 00			
	St. Mark's church, Lewistown,		2 00			
	St. David's church, Radnor,		2 73			
	All Saints and Oak Grove churches, Philadelphia Co.		3 00			
	St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre,		7 75			
	St. John's church, Norristown,		6 00			
	St. Thomas' church, Morgantown,		7 52			
	Trinity church, Oxford,		5 14			
	Emanuel church, Holmesburgh,		16 60			
	St. Matthew's church, Francisville,		10 00			
	St. John's church, Bellefonte,		3 00			
	St. Luke's church, Germantown,		10 00			
	St. John's church, Concord,		2 00			
	St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh,		3 50			
	Gloria Dei church, Southwark,		5 00			
	St. John's church, York,		5 00			
	Trinity church, Westchester,		4 00			
	Do. Pittsburgh,		50 00			
	St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg,		10 00			
	St. John's church, Carlisle,		10 00			
	Emanuel church, Kensington,		8 00			
	Do. do. in Mr. A. Reed's check,		10 38			
	Christ church, Pequa,		4 00			
28	St. James' church, Lancaster,		16 18			
June 3	St. John's church, Northern Liberties, Philadelphia,		37 50			
Sept. 9	St. James' church, Downingtown,		6 56			
30	Do. do. Perkiomen,		3 73			
Nov. 28	Do. do. Muncy,		6 00			
1847	All Saints' church, Paradise,		6 00			
Feb'y. 9	St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven,		4 24			
March 26	Do. do. do.		2 00			
May 12	St. Mary's ch., Hamilton, additional for 1846,	$23 00				
	collection for 1847,	20 68				
			43 68			
				332	26	
	Receipts from investments:					
1846						
August 3	By 6 ms. in. on $19,689 36 Pen. 5 p. ct. loan,	$492 23				
	Less State tax,	$24 61				
	Dis. on Rel. notes $311 75, at 2½ p. ct.	7 78				
		32 39				
			459	84		
1847						
Feb'y 1	By 6 ms. in. on $19,689 36 Pen. 5 p. ct. loan,	$492 23				
	Less State tax,	$24 61				
	Dis. on Relief notes $351, at 1¾ per ct.	6 14				
		30 75				
			461	48		
				921	32	
	Amount carried forward,			1286	94	

Dr. Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania,

1847				Doll.	C.
		Amount brought forward,		1750	00
Feb.	23	To amount one quarter's salary, due this day,	$875 00		
May	12	" " " due 23d inst.	875 00		
				1750	00
				3500	00

The income during the year is one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and thirty-eight cents short of the amount required for the payment of the Bishop's salary, and the parishes which have contributed bear but a small proportion to the whole number in the Diocese.

The undersigned appointed by the Standing Committee, do certify that they have examined the foregoing account and found the same correct.

They also have examined the Certificates of Stock in which the fund is invested, and found the same to amount to nineteen thousand, six hundred and eighty-nine dollars and thirty-six cents, ($19,689 36).

GEO. M. WHARTON,
THOMAS ROBINS.

Philadelphia, May 17th, 1847.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is invested in five per cent. Stock of the State of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to nineteen thousand, six hundred and eighty nine dollars and thirty-six cents ($19,689 36,) in stock. The investment has not been increased during the year.

JAMES S. SMITH, } *Trustees of the*
GEO. M. WHARTON, } *Episcopal Fund.*

Philadelphia, May 17th, 1847.

In Account with John Welsh, Jr., Treasurer. Cr.

				Doll.	C.
1846	Amount brought forward,			1286	94
	Receipts from the A. Doz. Legacy for the support of the Episcopate, per T. H. White, Esq., one of the Trustees.				
June 3	By 6 mos. int. on Penn. loan,	$35 31			
	Discount on Relief notes,	40			
			34 91		
Nov. 5	M'Call's ground rent, $12, less taxes $3 20,		8 80		
1847 F. 1	Wm. Stewart's do.		144 00		
5	Six mos. interest on Penn. Loan,	$35 31			
	Discount on Relief notes,	40			
			34 91		
				222	62
1846	Receipts from the Pilmore Legacy, per J. S. Newbold, Treas.				
Aug. 28	By 6 mos. int. on $7664 57 Penn. 5 per cent.	$191 61			
	Less State tax,	$9 58			
	Dis. on Relief notes, $121, at 1¾ p. et.	2 12			
		11 70			
1847			179 91		
May 11	By 6 mos. int. on $7664 57 Penn. 5 per et.	$191 61			
	Less State tax,	$9 58			
	Discount on Relief notes,	1 90			
		11 48			
			180 13		
				360	04
	Receipt from Loan in aid of the Fund for the support of the Episcopate in Pennsylvania, held in trust by the P. E. Society for the advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, per J. S. Newbold, Esq., Treasurer:				
	" By proportion of the invested balance,		$35 97		
	Income from investments,		160 41		
				196	38
1846	Special contributions in aid of the Bishop's salary:				
June 25	St. James' church, Philadelphia,		$150 00		
Octob. 14	St. Luke's do. do.	$82 50			
1847					
Jan. 19	Do. do. do.	67 50			
1846			150 00		
Nov. 5	Church of the Epiphany do.		150 00		
7	Christ church, do.		150 00		
Dec. 10	St. Paul's do. do.	$75 00			
1847					
March 15	Do. do. do.	75 00			
1846			150 00		
Dec. 15	St. Stephen's church, do.		150 00		
"	St. Andrew's do. do.		150 00		
18	Grace do. do.		150 00		
Nov. 28	St. Philip's do. do.		100 00		
				1300	00
	The contribution from St. Peter's ch., Phil'a., for 1846-47, having been made prior to the date of the last account was included in it.				
	Balance due the Treasurer,			134	02
				3500	00

E. & O. E.

JNO. WELSH, Jr., *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 11th, 1847.

Dr. **Fund for Relief of the Sufferers by Famine in Ireland and**

1847		Dol.	C.
March 12	To cash paid Samuel C. Morton & Co., for 400 bbls. corn meal at $4 50, for Ireland,	1800	00
27	" " " " 200 bbls. corn meal at do. for Ir'd.	900	00
	"These two parcels say 600 barrels were shipped per 'Monongahela,' consigned to Brown, Shipley & Co. for Ireland."		
31	To cash paid postage,	1	10
	" " discount on foreign paper,	1	85
	Amount carried forward,	2702	95

Scotland, in Account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer. Cr.

1847			Dol.	C.
March 1	By contribution from	Trinity church, Shepherdstown, Va.	150	00
2	" "	St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia,	700	00
3	" "	St. John's church, Carlisle,	40	00
8	" "	St. James' church, Kingsessing,	50	53
	" "	Christ church, Reading,	145	58
	" "	St. Thomas' church, Morgantown,	27	00
	" "	St. Luke's church, Germantown,	83	11
	" "	St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg,	100	00
	" "	St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh,	117	62
	" "	St. James the Less' church, Philadel'a. Co.	37	00
	" "	Church of the Redemption, Philadelphia,	12	25
	" "	Emanuel church, Kensington,	50	00
	" "	St. James' church, Bristol,	61	33
	" "	Trinity church, Pottsville,	124	44
10	" "	St. James' church, Downingtown,	10	35
	" "	Christ church, Upper Merion,	17	00
	" "	St. John's church, Norristown,	51	00
	" "	St. Thomas' African church, Philadelphia,	12	12
11	" "	Church of the Epiphany, do.	515	75
	" "	Christ church, Brownsville,	30	00
	" "	Christ church, Danville and Derry,	69	00
	" "	St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk,	35	00
	" "	" " Lewistown,	32	32
	" "	St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook,	40	22
	" "	St. Mary's church, Chester,	32	78
	" "	St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	37	00
12	" "	St. John's church, Bellefonte,	42	95
	" "	" " Huntingdon,	14	06
	" "	All Hallow's Parish, Snow Hill, Maryland,	20	35
	" "	St. John's church, Pequa,	26	33
	" "	Church of the Nativity, Spring Garden,	58	11
	" "	St. Peter's church, Philadelphia,	1000	00
	" "	Calvary church,	18	29
	" "	St. Mary's church, West Philadelphia,	66	35
	" "	A Lady,	5	00
	" "	St. Peter's church, Phœnixville,	37	00
	" "	St. James' church, Muncy,	30	00
13	" "	Trinity church, Easton,	20	00
	" "	St. James' church, Philadelphia,	620	56
	" "	St. Peter's church, Uniontown, and Grace church, Menallen,	31	00
15	" "	St. Paul's church, Erie,	40	00
	" "	St. Matthew's church, Francisville,	40	20
	" "	St. John's church, Northern Liberties,	44	25
	" "	Trinity church, Pittsburgh,	385	00
	" "	Christ church, Allegheny city,	14	00
	" "	St. Andrew's church, Pittsburgh,	185	00
16	" "	Christ church, Pottstown,	50	00
	" "	St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin,	8	00
	" "	St. Thomas' ch. White Marsh, additional,	10	37
	" "	All Saint's church, Paradise,	45	00
	" "	St. Mark's church, Frankford,	29	50
	" "	St. James' church, Schuylkill Haven,	45	77
17	" "	Church of the Ascension, Philadelphia,	141	50
	" "	St. James' church, Philadelphia, additional,	1	50
	" "	Zion's Parish, St. Andrew's Parish, Jefferson county, Va.	123	39
	" "	St. John's church, Bellefonte, additional,	13	00
	" "	Grace ch. Hulmeville, St. Luke's ch. Newtown, St. Andrew's ch. Yardleyville, and Trinity ch. Centreville, Bucks county, Pa.	25	00
		Amount carried forward,	5772	88

Dr. Fund for Relief of the Sufferers by Famine in Ireland and

1847			Dol.	C.
		Amount brought forward,	2702	95
April	9	To cash paid insurance on $3000 corn meal shipped per the Monongahela to Liverpool,	46	00
	27	" " S. C. Morton & Co. on ac't. of purchase corn meal,	2800	00
May	6	" " " in full " "	2899	25
	12	" " bill of cartage,	13	83
		" " premium of insurance per Burlington,	93	15
		" " sundry postages,	1	00
		Balance in hands of Treasurer,	56	15
			$8612	33

At a meeting of the Wardens of the several churches in the City of Philadelphia, convened by the Bishop of the Diocese, for the purpose of consultation upon the disposition to be made of the funds contributed by the churches for the sufferers by famine in Ireland and Scotland, in conformity with his Pastoral letter.

Bishop Potter took the Chair, and Thomas Robins was requested to act as Secretary.

After an interchange of views and opinions and a free discussion of the suggestions and plans proposed, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the contributions of the churches to aid and relieve the suffering Irish and Scotch, be invested in bread stuffs or other suitable provisions, and that one fourth be appropriated to Scotland and three fourths to Ireland.

Resolved, That the contributions so invested in bread stuffs, or other provisions, intended for Ireland, be shipped to Liverpool, and consigned to Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co., with instructions to hold the same subject to the order of the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin, under whose control and direction it is to be distributed to the suffering Irish of all sects and denominations without distinction.

Resolved, That the disposition of the contributions intended for Scotland be referred to a committee consisting of the Bishop of the Diocese, and Messrs. Wm. Welsh and Thomas Robins, with power to act fully in the premises.

Resolved, That Messrs. Wm. Welsh and Thomas Robins, be and they are hereby constituted and appointed a committee to make the purchases, and to superintend the shipment of all the provisions both for Ireland and Scotland.

On motion, adjourned.

THOMAS ROBINS, *Secretary.*

Vestry Room, St. Andrews Church,
March 15th, 1847.

In fulfilment of the duties imposed upon them by the foregoing resolutions, the committee appointed to make the purchases of bread stuffs, &c., have bought of Messrs. Samuel C. Morton & Co., eighteen hundred and thirteen barrels of corn meal, it being in their opinion the best and most suitable article for the exigency of the sufferers; of this thirteen hundred and thirty-eight barrels have been directed to Ireland, and four hundred and seventy-five barrels to Scotland; there was one contribution made specially for Scotland, which being added to the quantity appropriated from the general fund, makes the whole quantity rather over the amount designated in the resolutions. Six hundred barrels were shipped by the ship Monongahela in March, this was directed to Ireland, which place we presume it has ere now reached; the remaining seven hundred and thirty-eight barrels for Ireland, and the four hundred and seventy-five barrels for Scotland were shipped in the ship Burlington, which sailed a few days since, consigned as directed in the resolutions to Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co., who have kindly consented to attend to it in Liverpool without charge, and to see that it goes forward as intended to its respective places of destination—all the shipments are fully insured. The party from whom purchases were made liberally abated the cost of inspection amounting to over thirty dollars, and the shipments have been made almost entirely free of extra charges, as the account will show.

The small amount remaining in the Treasurer's hands it is proposed to remit to Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co., Liverpool, to meet any contingent expense which may accrue there.

Philadelphia, May 18th, 1847.

Scotland, in Account with Thomas Robins, Treasurer. Cr.

1847			Dol.	C.
	Amount brought forward,		5772	83
March 17	By contribution from	St. John's church, Salem, Wayne county,	7	00
18	" "	St. Andrew's church, Chester county,	15	00
19	" "	Christ church, Lancaster county,	12	00
	" "	All Saint's church, Moyamensing,	21	11
20	" "	St. David's church, Radnor,	18	59
	" "	St. Luke's church, Philadelphia,	67	50
	" "	St. David's church, Manayunk,	13	00
22	" "	St Mark's church, New Milford,	32	25
	" "	St. Andrew's church, Springville,	18	00
	" "	St. Paul's church, Montrose,	11	75
	" "	Trinity church, Oxford,	26	21
	" "	St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre,	87	44
	" "	Grace church, Philadelphia,	639	34
	" "	St. Matthew's church, Sunbury,	40	00
	" "	Christ church, Williamsport,	27	62
23	" "	Church of the Advent, Philadelphia,	92	00
	" "	St. Michael's church, Armstrong county,	8	00
24	" "	St. John's church, York,	51	50
	" "	Christ church, Philadelphia,	752	02
	" "	same for Scotland,	65	12
25	" "	St. James church, Perkiomen,	19	00
	" "	All Hallow's Parish, Snow Hill, Md., add'l.	5	25
29	" "	Greensburg and Blairsville,	22	00
31	" "	Emanuel church, Holmesburg,	22	00
	" "	Anonymous, per Mr. Kirkham,	30	50
April 2	" "	Calvary church, Rockdale,	19	50
	"	through the Rev. J. Long, Montrose, contributed by YOUTH of his Parishes, in addition to the church contributions,	9	00
5	"	from St. Paul's church, Kittaning,	30	50
	" "	Trinity church, Freeport,	16	00
6	" "	" " Carbondale,	42	00
	" "	St. Paul's church, Lacyville,	10	00
	" "	St. John's church, Concord,	5	75
13	" "	St. Paul's church, West Whiteland,	13	00
	" "	St. Peter's church, Great Valley,	4	00
20	" "	a "Churchman,"	5	00
22	" "	All Saint's church, Philadelphia county,	20	50
			$8612	33
	By balance in hands of Thomas Robins, Treasurer,		$56	15

E. E.

THOMAS ROBINS, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 18th, 1847.

APPENDIX.

Copy of Letters occasioned by a transmisssion of Contributions from the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, to the Irish Poor.

TREASURY CHAMBERS,
30th April, 1847.

Messrs. Brown, Shipley & Co. Liverpool.

GENTLEMEN:

The Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury having had under consideration, your letter of the 28th inst., inclosing a bill of lading &c. of 600 barrels of Indian corn meal, shipped per "Monongahela," with the proceeds of money subscribed by the citizens of Philadelphia, for the relief of the distress in Ireland and Scotland, I am commanded to acquaint you that my Lords will be prepared to pay the freight and charges on the Indian corn meal in question, on receiving a statement of the amounts; and on being informed that the Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin, to whom the meal is consigned, have consented to take charge of it with a view to its gratuitous distribution.

I am gentlemen, your most obedient servant,

(Signed) C. V. TREVELYAN.

Per Britannia,

Thomas Robins, and
William Welsh, Esqrs. Phila.

LIVERPOOL, May 1, 1847.

GENTLEMEN:

We are in receipt of your letter of 25th March, enclosing bill of lading for 600 barrels of corn meal, shipped by the Monongahela, for the aid of the Irish, and to be distributed as directed by the Lord Primate and the Archbishop of Dublin. The Monongahela has arrived, and it will afford us much pleasure to receive and forward the same free of all commissions. We have made application to the Lords of Her Majesty's

Treasury respecting the payment of the freight, and herewith we end a copy of their reply. The Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin have arranged for the distribution of the meal, which will be forwarded to Ireland without delay.

Yours respectfully,

BROWN, SHIPLEY & Co.

I.—Bishop Potter to the Archbishops of the Church in Ireland.

To his Grace the Archbishop of Armagh, Lord Primate of all Ireland.

My Lord—The undersigned, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Pennsylvania, being deeply impressed with the tidings of famine which have reached this country from Ireland, requested the Clergy under his charge to collect from their respective parishes, contributions for the relief of the sufferers. The request has been promptly and cheerfully complied with. In addition to large sums which have been contributed by the more affluent members of the Church in this Diocese, and which have been forwarded through other channels, the collections made in the churches, many of which are poor, will amount to some £1800. Three-fourths of the amount will be expended in bread-stuffs, (principally corn meal,) and will be placed, in equal parts, at the disposal of your Grace, and of the Archbishop of Dublin. It goes as a contribution from the Episcopal Church of Pennsylvania, to the Episcopal Church of Ireland, well known as a generous almoner, for the poor of every name. I need hardly say to your Grace, that it is the wish of the donors that their bounty should be distributed among the most necessitous, without reference to their creed or religious profession.

Trusting you will excuse us for the trouble we are causing you, I beg you to believe me,

With high consideration,

Your Grace's friend and servant,

A. POTTER.

Phiada., March 30, 1847.

II.—The Archbishop of Armagh to Bishop Potter.

LONDON, April 24, 1847.

RIGHT REV. SIR—I have received your letter of the 24th of March, and I beg you to accept my most grateful thanks for the

generous contribution towards the relief of the destitute poor of Ireland, from the Episcopal Church of Pennsylvania, and I have to request that you will present my best acknowledgments to the Clergy of your Diocese, and to their congregations, not only for the very liberal assistance which they have given, but also for the brotherly feeling which they have manifested towards the sufferers in our country. In the midst of the awful calamity with which it has seemed fit to Almighty God to visit us, it has indeed cheered our hearts to find that even in the most distant lands, we have fellow Christians sympathizing in the distress of our afflicted poor, and ready to use every exertion in their power, to aid us in providing them with food.

The Clergymen mentioned in the memorandum of the Rev. Mr. Ogilby, which was enclosed in your letter, are known to me, some of them personally—all of them by character, and none could have been named to whom I should with more confidence intrust the distribution of the relief which you have forwarded: they are not only persons of high respectability, but of long tried experience, benevolence and piety. I have given directions to my man of business, to request Messrs. Brown and Shipley of Liverpool, to forward to them the quantities of corn meal marked in Mr. Ogilby's paper. The remaining 100 barrels of the cargo I shall have sent to Dunstable, in the County of Louth, to be transmitted from thence to the Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rector of Forkhill, the Rev. Ed. O. Disney, Rector of Newton, Hamilton, and the Rev. Dr. Atkinson, Rector of Creggan—three parishes situated in a wild range of mountains, in the Diocese of Armagh, where want of food, and (in consequence of it,) disease has reduced the people to extreme distress.—Although measures have been adopted by our legislature, for providing temporary relief for the destitute, they have not as yet come sufficiently into operation to afford the assistance of which they stand in need, and the distress in many districts of the country is of a most urgent kind, so that the valuable contribution which you have sent is truly seasonable, and will, I trust, prove the means of alleviating the sufferings of a great number of families. In the efforts made by the Parochial Clergy of the established church to relieve their distressed parishioners, no distinction has been made on the ground of difference of religious profession, and your wishes on

this subject will be most gladly carried into effect. Again thanking you for the aid you have sent us, and for the friendly communication in which you have informed me of it, I remain,

With much respect, your faithful servant,

JOHN G. ARMAGH.

III.—The Archbishop of Dublin to Bishop Potter.

LONDON, April 29, 1847.

RIGHT REV. AND DEAR SIR:—I have just received the intelligence of the arrival at Liverpool, of the corn meal which has been so kindly and liberally sent for the relief of the distressed people of Ireland. The utmost care shall be taken to distribute this most welcome and seasonable supply, in such a manner as to carry into effect, as far as possible, the benevolent intentions of the donors. To you and the rest of them, I return, in behalf of the suffering poor, my most grateful acknowledgments. As a memorial, which I hope will be a lasting one, of your kindness and of our gratitude, I shall direct a parcel of books to be forwarded to you, which I wish to be considered as the property of yourself and your successors in office. Believe me to be

Very truly yours,

RICHARD WHATELY,
Archbishop of Dublin.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

The following Reports were received too late for insertion in their regular order.

Report of the Rev. Charles Breck, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Wellsboro, Tioga County.

Congregation, families, 60, adults, 180, children, 157, total, 337; baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 12, total, 14; communicants, added, 2, died or removed, 1, present number, 57; marriages, 3; burials, 11; public services, on Sundays, 98, other days, 34, total, 130; children catechized in the Church every Sunday; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 3, pupils, 25; female, 1, teachers, 6, pupils, 40, total, schools, 2, teachers, 9, pupils, 65; collections, Episcopal fund, $10 00, Soc. Adv. of Christianity, the Treasurer has the amount. Missionary and other purposes, $77 50, Convention fund, $5 00.

During the past year, I have officiated in the various villages of this county; and in a number of school houses in the vicinity of Wellsboro, at intervals of three or four weeks. I have undertaken two catechetical schools in the neighbourhood of the village, which, by the blessing of God, I trust will be of great benefit to the children, and eventually to the Church. Feb. 19th, I officiated at Coudersport, the county-seat of Potter co., where there is a strong feeling in favour of the ministrations of the church. Sunday 21st, I held service, and administered the Communion at Smithport, the county-seat of McKean co. 23d, I travelled to a remote settlement on the Sinnamahoning creek, where I held an evening service, and baptized a child. The influence of the Rev. J. B. Pradt is still sensibly felt in these counties, and it would be wise in the church to send them a missionary at an early date.

Report of the Rev. Samuel A. Clark, Deacon.

I was admitted to deacon's orders on Sunday the 14th of March. Since Easter, I have been engaged in missionary labour in the southwestern part of Philadelphia. Baptisms, adult, 1, children, 3; total, 4; marriage, 1; burials, 3; I have preached 21 times.

Report of the Rev. Peter Russell, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Mauch Chunk, Carbon County.

Number of families, 30; communicants, added, 5, removed, 3, died, 2, present number, 20; services held, and sermons preached in Mauch Chunk, at Summit-Hill, Nesquetoning, Rockport, and White-Haven, 112; communion administered 5 times; baptized 8 infants; weddings, 6; funerals, 5; collections, $35, for the relief of the poor of Ireland and Scotland; Convention fund, $2 00, Episcopal fund, $4 00, total, $41 00.

The church edifice commenced several years ago is not yet completed. I hope that at the next Convention, I can report that *it is finished;* and well filled with an attentive congregation, who assemble themselves together each Sabbath to listen to the preaching of the "comfortable gospel of Christ," and who are doers of the Word which they hear.

Report of the Rev. H. S. Spackman, Rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Philadelphia County.

Baptisms, adults, 9, infants, 38, total, 47; confirmed, 14; communicants, added, 18, died or removed, 2, present number, 47; burials, 2; public services, on Sundays, 60, other days, 16, total, 76; children catechised, 24, times, 2; Sunday schools, male, 1, teachers, 8, pupils, 62; female, 1, teachers, 10, pupils, 78; total, schools, 2, teachers, 18, pupils, 140; Bible classes, 1, members, 18; collections, for Scotch and Irish, $29 25, Convention fund, $2 35, other purposes, $8, total, $39 60.

I commenced the discharge of my duties in the parish, on the 22d of October, 1846; the foregoing report only embraces the period between that date and the meeting of the Convention.

Report of the Rev. B. S. Huntington, Rector of Calvary Church, Rockdale, and of St. John's Church, Concord, Delaware County.

CALVARY CHURCH, ROCKDALE.

Congregation, families, 58, adults, 121, children, 130, total, 251; baptisms, adults, 2, infants, 13, total, 15; confirmed, 4; communicants, added, 6, removed, 6, present number, 46; marriages, 4; burials, 7; public services, on Sundays, 56, other days, 10, total, 66; Sunday school, teachers, 12, pupils, 120; collections, Episcopal fund, $2 00, missionary and other purposes, $414 00.

The Church is undergoing very thorough repair, at an expense of about $500 00, of which, $380 00 have been collected by the congregation.

St. John's Church, Concord.

Congregation, families, 40, adults, 94, children, 40, total, 134; confirmed, 2; communicants, died, 1, present number, 53; burials, 3; public services, on Sundays, 40, other days, 2, total, 42.